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Taxpayer foots bill for funeral of Morris

THE funeral of Cannock Chase child killer Raymond Morris was paid for with thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money.

The Ministry of Justice has revealed it cost £2,686 to cremate the murderer. The figure includes payment for a floral tribute for the 84-year-old, who died in prison last year. Morris, of Green Lane, Walsall, was jailed in 1969 for the rape and murder of seven-year-old Walsall schoolgirl Christine Darby.

The killer was also the prime suspect in the killings of Diane Tift, aged five, of Bloxwich, and Margaret Reynolds, six, of Aston.

All three bodies were found dumped within miles of each other. Each had been sexually assaulted and strangled. Details released under the Freedom of Information Act state the taxpayer-funded funeral bill included £285 for his coffin and a £15 floral tribute.

Father-of-two Morris died at HMP Preston in March last year. An inquest heard he died from chronic myeloid leukaemia.

Cannock councillor Maureen Freeman, a retired police officer who took part in the original Morris case said: "Quite frankly if it is taxpayers' money it is quite appalling and disgusting."

Fuel stop in further cuts

PETROL prices came down even further at a forecourt in Walsall, with cars queuing at the pumps.

Ablewell service station slashed the cost of a litre of unleaded down to just 96.4p.

Bosses said trade was up by 40 per cent on Friday as a result.

The garage, which is supplied by Harvest Energy, started a petrol price war recently, when it became one of the first in the West Midlands to sell a litre of unleaded below £1 for the first time in eight years.

TURNAROUND FOR RUNDOWN ESTATE

£5k worth of goods taken in shop raid

BURGLARS cut a hole through the roof of a new gaming shop in Walsall and stole thousands of pounds worth of goods.

Around £5,000 was stolen from MNA Gaming in St Pauls Street less than two weeks before its grand opening.

The thieves, who are still at large, drilled two holes into the roof of the building and forced their way in using an electric saw. They caused huge damage to the shop.

A whole range of goods were stolen including graphics cards, computer processors, video games, customised PlayStation and Xbox controllers and collectables at the premises near the bus station.

The crime took place some time between the evening of January 20 and the following morning.

However, the three shop owners said today they will not be beaten by the crime and will go ahead with the official opening tomorrow.

Entrepreneur and partner Jayson Meers, 34, said: "It hasn't been the most pleasant experience but we're not going to let it get us down and we're still going ahead with the opening THIS week. Anyone with information on the stolen items or the burglary should call the police on 101."

Help session for residents

A SPECIAL workshop for residents who visit a mental health project in Walsall will be held on Wednesday from 2-4pm.

The event at Broadway North Centre is not for the general public and is only for users of the Recovery College service.

The council said details of how members of Park Hall Community Association, which is also based in the building, can take part in the consultation over its future will be announced soon.

MP cuts ribbon after £57,000 revamp



MP Valerie Vaz, cuts the ribbon to open the centre with church secretary Esther Gladwih and Rev Ruth Wood

A WALSALL church has officially opened new facilities for disabled people, after a £57,000 renovation.

The works to Delves Baptist Community Church included widening doorways, installing a disabled toilet and creating a counselling room.

The church on Bell Lane was able to carry out the renovation works after members took part in a variety of fundraising events, including a concert, cream teas, sponsored swims and a barn dance to raise £4,000.

In addition, Marston's paid for a changing bed for children with disabilities.

Valerie Vaz MP opened the facilities. She said: "I was delighted to be able to cut the ribbon to open the new facilities at Delves Baptist Community Church. It now has wider doorways to enable wheelchair access, install a disabled toilet and to open a counselling room. It is remarkable what has been achieved by the members of the church who have ensured that the

least advantaged members of the community have benefited. Work to improve the church building is still ongoing and I saw the work in progress to install a new roof on the church hall. I congratulate the members of Delves Baptist Community Church on their efforts, which I know will benefit the people in the Delves community."

"It is wonderful that so many people have come together in this way. This shows how much it is possible to achieve when we work together."

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Ex-housing officer in fire tragedy

THE death of a former housing officer in a fire at his home near Walsall has been ruled an accident by a coroner. Roger Still, aged 63, was found by firefighters at his house in Brackendale Drive, Yew Tree Estate, on August 3 last year.

Mr Still, who worked as a housing officer for Sandwell Council for 23 years, suffered from a severe form of multiple sclerosis which meant

that he used a wheelchair and required extensive care and support.

An inquest at Smethwick Council House last Friday heard that Mr Still was 'highly likely' to have started the blaze accidentally by dropping a box of lit matches onto the floor. Recording a verdict of accidental death, Assistant Coroner Dr Andrew Thompson, said: 'Mr Still's property was secure when the

fire service arrived. In fact they had to break in to gain entry.'

"This was an accidental fire caused by the careless disposal of smoking materials. I conclude Mr Still's death was accidental."

Offering evidence at the inquest, Mr Still's brother, Derek, 59, said the deceased had been a heavy smoker until a recent heart attack led to him reducing his habit to one

cigarette a day. The inquest heard that Mr Still suffered extensive burns to his head, neck and back as a result of the fire, which caused him to suffer heat shock.

Mr Still's family paid tribute to their 'caring and fun-loving brother' who they say was devoted to his work at Great Bridge Housing Office and with Sandwell's anti-social behaviour prevention team.

Pregnant women's flu jabs increase

MORE mothers-to-be received their flu jab in Walsall this winter, a health boss has said. Over 40 per cent of pregnant women in the borough have been vaccinated – a 10 per cent increase from the same time last year.

Councillor Ian Robertson, portfolio holder for health, said a joint approach with health services to promote the importance of having the flu jab had paid off.

Councillor Robertson, who is also chairman of Walsall's health and wellbeing board, said: 'We know from experience that people respond best to other people who they can identify with.'

"A mum-to-be speaking about her experience of the flu jab is going to strike a chord with other pregnant women far more than anyone else. The creative development team spoke to more than 850 women and were able to do a great job by sharing information, helping to dispel any myths and signposting them to their GP to have their vaccination."

The flu vaccine is free of charge to pregnant women and reduces the risk of complications such as preterm birth if women catch the flu while pregnant.

Stray dogs bill is £12k

LICHFIELD District Council spent more than £12,000 dealing with stray dogs in the space of a year, new figures have revealed.

Between April 2013 and March last year, the authority spent £12,027 on lost and abandoned animals.

According to the figures, which were revealed in a Freedom of Information request, the authority also set aside £23,701 for the same purpose in 2014/15. When picking up stray dogs, the council's wardens add them to a lost dog register. If the owner is not identified, the dog is taken to a kennels.

Tea-lights blaze

UNATTENDED tea-lights caused a fire that ended up completely destroying a bathroom at a home in Wednesbury. Firefighters tackled the blaze at the property situated in Windmill Street, on Monday at around 1.55am. No-one was injured in the fire.

Bulky waste collection fees will be increased

Stylish Easter egg appeal



Manager Amy Cle and stylist Bridie Exton make their plea for Easter eggs

PEOPLE heading for a haircut can leave something egg-sstra special to help poorly children in hospital.

Bonc Hair Salon, in Hyde Road and Darlaston Road, in Wednesbury, is supporting Birmingham Children's Hospital with a Easter-themed donation. Staff are asking people to stop off with Easter eggs which will be donated to children staying on wards at the hospital.

People are being asked to bring in Easter eggs to be placed in the front of the salon window. Once collected they will be taken up to the hospital in time for Easter. People bringing in eggs will be offered a £5 hair treatment. Call 0121 502 1223 for details.

through two stylists' love of chocolate. They decided it was the ideal charity to support after chats with customers. Salon manager Amy Cle and stylist Bridie Exton have helped set up the donation scheme with salon owners Carl and Donna Mitchell.

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Hospital workers to strike in dispute

DOZENS of hospital staff across the West Midlands will be taking part in a national strike today, it has been confirmed.

The frustrated staff NHS workers are walking out over disputes with the Government regarding pay and conditions.

Staff at New Cross hospital plan to go on strike between 9am and 12pm and staff at Walsall Manor plan a longer walkout from 9am to 9pm.

A member of the Unison Trade Union insisted the body will have emergency staff on cover on the day throughout the West Midlands region to avoid delays and help people should they require treatment at A&E.

Members of the Unison trade union, including nurses and porters, will then 'work to rule' between January 30 and February 24, meaning they will do only their contracted hours, will take their breaks and do no unpaid overtime.

A further 24-hour walkout will follow on February 24.

Franco Buonaguro, of Unison, said: "We warned months ago that this dispute is here to stay unless the Government and NHS employers are prepared to negotiate with us."

A&E targets missed again

WALSALL Manor Hospital has fallen short of hitting a national target for treating patients at its accident and emergency ward for a second week running.

Figures from NHS England show that out of 1,363 patients coming to A&E for the week ending January 11, just 70 per cent were seen within four hours. The national target is 95 per cent.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust revealed recently that there has been a 27 per cent increase in emergency admissions during 2014/15 compared to those in 2012/13.

Objects of art

A NEW exhibition by an artist using 'mundane' objects such as chairs and wheels goes on display from tomorrow until April 19. Sikander Pervez's work is at the New Art Gallery. He will also be creating a new sculpture for his first solo exhibition since graduating.

New would-be MP chosen for safe Tory seat



Wendy Morton with Sir Richard Shepherd

WITH less than 100 days to the General Election, Wendy Morton is going to have to work quickly to become an MP.

But the new Tory candidate for Aldridge-Brownhills has a strong headstart as she is fighting for what has been considered a safe Conservative seat throughout the 36 years that Sir Richard Shepherd has been representing it. The farmer's daughter, born in the Yorkshire Dales, was chosen by party members as the new candidate at a behind closed doors meeting last week.

The selection had been delayed since before Christmas because of party infighting.

Nick Timothy, a special adviser to Home Secretary Theresa May, had been shortlisted by the Aldridge-Brownhills Conservative Association.

But he was removed by party officials, authorised by Prime Minister David Cameron, because he had failed to do telephone canvassing in the Rochester and Strood by-election. Mrs Morton beat three other shortlisted candidates, including Walsall councillor Marco Longhi, to be chosen.

It is not the first time Mrs Morton has stood for Parliament. She stood for the Tories in Newcastle Central in 2005, where

she finished third, and in 2010, when she contested Tynemouth in the North East and finished second.

On her website she said: "When my husband, a chief petty officer, left the Royal Navy, we set up an electronics and manufacturing business with the very welcome help of the £40 a week Enterprise Allowance. More than 20 years later, we are still a family focused business. We sell to farmers all over the UK, as well as to Europe, and New Zealand." Mrs Morton is also vice-chairman of the Conservative party overseeing "social action".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Knife attacker is in secure hospital

A MENTALLY ill 33-year-old man who slashed a person seven times across the face with a knife in an unprovoked attack has been ordered to be detained in a secure hospital.

Glyn Bleasdale lashed out after meeting the other man on the landing outside his flat on March 3, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said: "Thankfully, all the injuries were minor lacerations."

Bleasdale, from Harri- son Street, Bloxwich, who admitted wounding, has been diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic.

Investigation on oil spill source

ENVIRONMENT watchdogs are continuing to search for the source of a spillage which left oil in a stretch of water on the border of Bilston and Darlaston.

Much of the oil in Darlaston Brook has been cleared up by the Environment Agency.

Agency spokesman Harriet Templar-Vasey, said: "We are still trying to locate the source from where the oil spill is coming from and working with Seven Trent Water."

Dispersal order moves on youths

ALMOST 20 young people were told to move on in just 48 hours under a dispersal order. It was introduced by police in parts of Bloxwich in a bid to tackle anti-social behaviour.

A report from manager Michael Greenfield said 19 young people were subject to the dispersal order between November 21 and 23, covering Field Road, Chantry Avenue, Blakenall Heath and Ingram Road.

Alert as man seen walking on M'way

DRIVERS faced delays on the M6 after a man was seen walking in the road.

Police detained the man who was seen on the northbound carriageway between junction 10 for Walsall and 10a for the M54 yesterday at around 9.30am on Thursday.

Motorists were forced to slow down as they passed him, he suffered no injury.

Road closure

A ROAD in Bloxwich will close to traffic in the evening and overnight during February for resurfacing work. Lichfield Road will be shut from February 4 to February 14 between 7pm and 6am.

Electrification scheme rail bridge rebuild work begins

WORK on a bridge to allow for the £30 million electrification of a rail line through Walsall has started this week – after a three-month delay to investigate mineshafts.

The rebuild of the bridge at Central Drive, Bloxwich, was unexpectedly put on hold by Network Rail last October over fears on former mineshafts. But the project was given the go-ahead to resume from

Monday – with a road closure due to be in place for up to four months.

It comes as rail bosses have revealed the rebuild of another bridge in Walsall town centre has now been put back until autumn.

Structures on the Chase Line between Walsall and Rugeley need to be revamped to accommodate overhead power lines for the electrification.

Construction of the new bridge in Central Drive was suddenly halted last autumn for the potential impact of former mineshafts to be assessed.

Complications

A signed diversion route will be in operation along Sneyd Hall Road, Sneyd Lane, Sandbank, Elmore Green Road and Croxden Avenue. Work to rebuild the bridge in Park Street, Walsall town centre, has now been rescheduled until October after complications to remove the existing structure were revealed.

Preparatory work started towards the end of last year and was temporarily stopped over the Christmas period.

It resumed last week but engineers discovered the bridge, which dates back to the 1930s, was different to the original plans, which means the planned removal of the structure by crane has to be reassessed.

She said: "Last year we had so much more going on but we can only keep this up by people coming through the gate."

For further details on the competition or carnival contact Sharon on 01902411611 or 07909627736.

Grand youngsters have a ball in limo



Children from Classic Academy of Dance in Willenhall, arrive by limo for the final performance of the panto

THEY have spent the past six weeks entertaining the masses as part of the cast of the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre's record breaking pantomime Cinderella.

And 20 youngsters from a Black Country dance school were given the all-star treatment as they celebrated the show's final sold-out performance.

The children, who are all members of the Classic Academy of Dance in Willenhall, played villagers and forest animals in the hit panto throughout its run, with two groups of 10 actors performing on alternate days. As a

reward for their hard work they were treated to a trip to the show's final two performances on Sunday in a 20-seater Hummer limousine.

Liz Watts, principal at the Upper Lichfield Street-based academy, said the youngsters deserved a special treat for putting in some great performances since the show opened back in December. "It is a lot of hard work for them, as they have to juggle performances on stage with their school work, but everyone has had a fantastic time," she said.

The principal added that the day

was topped off when Cinderella star Julian Clary, who played Dandini in the production, handed each of the young thespians a parting gift after the final curtain call.

She said: "A lot of them were starstruck working alongside Julian, but he was wonderful with them. He even bought them all a Cinderella mug each as a farewell gift, which was a really nice touch."

The academy offers lessons in a variety of dance styles to people aged three and upwards. For details call 01902 633115 or 07525 625792.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



"HE has a place in the nation's heart precisely because he was not perfect," Winston Churchill who died 50 years ago, as described this week by his great-grandson, Randolph Churchill.

A READER writes: "I am very cross that my young daughter just brought home a sofa and two chairs that someone gave her. I've told her not to accept suites from strangers."

IT'S a high-risk policy for the Mayor of Paris to threaten libel action against Fox News for suggesting there are no-go areas in Paris. "When we're insulted, and when we've had an image, then I think we'll have to sue," declares Mayor Anne Hidalgo. "The honour of Paris has been prejudiced." Well, maybe it has. But so was Birmingham's a few days ago when Fox made similar no-go claims. The difference is that Brum responded with a torrent of humour, burying Fox under a pile of jokes (loved the one about Brummie kids being forced to read the Kerrang!) and extracted a cringing apology. If Paris decides to stand on its honour and sue, what if Fox decides to fight? Any city in the world could produce dozens, or even hundreds, of locals prepared to swear under oath that there are neighbourhoods they avoid. Paris could end up with oeuf all over its visage. Pride goeth before a fall, as the Bible doesn't quite say.

OH, the confusion. After a couple of breast-free days, the Sun reverted to form. My hunch is that Page 3 is on the way out, not because it is obscene, offensive or exploitative but because it has committed the sin that no-one dares forgive. It is, as Rupert Murdoch put it, old-fashioned. Not that Sun boobs will vanish entirely. Ask Google how many items it has under "Page 3" and the response is a depressingly vague "About 300,000,000".

ANOTHER class-based cock-up, this time from Labour's Chuka Umunna, shadow business secretary and MP for Streatham. Faced with an unexpected question, he flounced out of a Sky News interview declaring: "I'm not just going to speak off-piste." As they say in Streatham.

THE Church of England has announced that, for the next 10 years, all bishops' seats in the House of Lords will be reserved for newly-appointed women bishops. So a privilege which is already restricted to one denomination of one single faith will now be restricted even further by a gender bar. The only cause for joy is that it is all done by amending the Bish- opric Act, which raises a smile. But if a second chamber at Westminster is necessary or desirable, isn't it high time we got a grip on the grossly over-swollen House of Lords, slashed its numbers from 800 to perhaps 200 and appointed Lords on merit, not because they are party donors, celebrities, unemployable ex-MPs or God-botherers?

FIRST World problems are those little trials which exist only in affluent societies. Take the little furor spotted a few days ago by a reader in a restaurant which advertised free wi-fi. Spotting this advert, one young diner abandoned his meal to log on. Finding the signal was too weak, he complained that this not only infringed his human rights but was against the law. Perfect.

I RECENTLY questioned the shape of Beth's pregnancy bump in Broadchurch (ITV). A reader explains: "I have connections with Dorset and medicine-ball smuggling was a family tradition." A more intriguing question is why the first series of Broadchurch was so good and this second series is poor. I suspect the answer is that the TV company was taken unawares by the success of the first series and rushed the next episodes into production. Film in haste, repeat at leisure.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Festive drink drivers down by a third

THE number of drink-drivers caught by West Midlands Police over Christmas was down by more than a third on the previous year.

Only 11 per cent of more than 2,000 motorists breathalysed throughout December were over the legal alcohol limit. The official figures relate to the initial test drivers take after being stopped by officers. A total of 2,080 people were checked

by officers and 225 of those – 77 of whom were involved in an accident – provided a positive result on the first test or failed to provide a sample, 138 less than 12 months earlier.

The number who also failed the subsequent test and were charged with drink or drug driving offences was 163 – 40 fewer than the previous year. Every driver charged with drink-driving was named by

the police during the Christmas crackdown for the second year in an effort to make people think twice before getting behind the wheel when under the influence.

Inspector Greg Jennings, who led the campaign, said: "Our primary aim is to make the roads safer for all and Christmastime is always a peak period for us, with so many people out celebrating and perhaps behav-

ing differently to normal. It is never acceptable to get behind the wheel when under the influence – you pose a serious risk to others on the road, let alone yourself."

"Seeing people's names there makes it all the more real and if one person was deterred from taking to the road after a night out on the tiles as a result of our messages then it is worthwhile."

Vets back call over toxins in product

A CAMPAIGN to reduce deaths of pets by poisoning is being backed by vets in the Black Country.

White Cross Vets practices have given their support in a bid to encourage anti-freeze manufacturers to add bittering agents to the toxic liquid to make it less appealing for cats and dogs. Around 25,000 pet lovers have already signed an online petition urging anti-freeze manufacturers to disguise its sweet taste.

White Cross vets in Bloxwich, Tividale and Birmingham are calling for action. The issue has also been raised in Parliament with more than 20 cats having recently died after swallowing antifreeze in Nottingham.

Bonnie Leibowitch, of White Cross Vets in Tividale said: "This campaign aims to raise awareness about the dangers of anti-freeze and encourage manufacturers to mask its sweet flavour and we'd like as many people as possible to sign the online petition via our website."

Tiziano Cinque, of the Bloxwich clinic said: "Even tiny amounts are highly toxic and can quickly lead to kidney failure and death."

To sign the petition visit the www.whitecrossvets.co.uk/posts/antifreeze-kills website.

Volunteers in snow role bid

FEWER than 50 people have so far expressed an interest in a new scheme to keep roads and pavements clear of snow in Walsall – after the council launched a campaign for 250 volunteers.

Transport chiefs are looking for 50 community groups in addition to the 250 volunteers as part of the pilot Snow Champion project.

He added that although residents and communities already look out for each other during bad weather, the scheme offered the the equipment and training.

Bookies on way

UP to £280,000 is to be invested into a new betting shop in Walsall after plans received the go-ahead from council chiefs.

The proposals for a Paddy Power in Caldmore Road have been approved by Walsall Council under delegated officer powers.

Baby boom fuels plan for school expansion

A PRIMARY school will increase its number of pupils by a third as it expands to deal with a baby boom.

The plans for Fibbersley Park Primary, which is attended by children in Willenhall, Walsall and Wolverhampton, will create 15 jobs. The school will take in 90 reception children in September – up from the current figure of 60.

Plans have been lodged with Walsall Council to build a new two-storey teaching block at the school in Noose Lane, Willenhall, ready for the new school year.

The proposals also involve internal alterations to the existing school and could create around 15 full-time jobs.

The plans state that historically there has been a decline in the number of primary schoolchildren in the borough, but in recent years the trend has reversed and there has been an increase in births.

A report, lodged with the plans, reads: "Taking into account other contributory factors, including migration into the borough and an increase in new housing developments, indications are that in coming years we are going to have significant problems allocating pupils in certain areas of the borough – a suitable reception place."

"As a result there is the need to provide additional places in the Willenhall area of the borough at the start of the autumn term."

Bedroom fire put out

WOMAN and two youths were unhurt when a bed was accidentally set alight at a house in Walsall.

Smoke alarms were triggered at the semi-detached house, Hawthorn Road, Shelfield.

Watch Commander Phil Cutler, of Aldridge Fire Station, said: "The flames were confined to the bed in the bedroom, but the rest of the first floor was smoke-logged. Fortunately the detectors were activated and the people who were at the property went outside to wait for our crews to arrive."

He said it was caused by a matches or a lighter. A total of 10 firefighters from attended the scene at 3pm on Saturday.

Leather museum visitors up



David Mills, right, with Cllr Khizar Hussain, left, and senior curator Mike Glasson

WALSALL Leather Museum, has seen a boom in visitor numbers – with almost 40,000 people through its doors last year.

The attraction, which celebrated the town's leather making industry welcomed 39,375 people in 2014, an increase of 5.9 per cent on 2013.

In addition the number of children on school trips rose by 8.7 per cent with 1,908

youngsters in 2014 coming through the doors. Councillor Khizar Hussain, Walsall Council portfolio holder for community, leisure and culture, has welcomed the news.

He said: "Walsall is renowned all over the world for its leather industry and it's great to see the levels of interest in the town's heritage remain strong. A lot of the credit for the museum's popularity must go to the staff and volunteers who work so hard to provide a first class service."

The museum opened in 1988 on the site of a former leather works and looks back at the key role played by the town in the leather and saddle industry.

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Court bill for expert in limes' removal

A TREE surgeon who removed three limes protected by a tree preservation order in Walsall has been handed a court bill of more than £800 – while the property owner has been ordered to pay more than £3,000.

A concerned resident told tree surgeon Clement Kidney that the trees were covered by a tree preservation order, but he carried on removing them, Walsall Magistrates Court was told.

Kidney, trading as Town and Country Tree Surgeons, of Acocks Green in Birmingham, pleaded guilty to removing the trees from Wesleyan Court, Lichfield Road in Walsall, without the formal consent of Walsall Council.

The 64-year-old was fined £300 and ordered to pay court costs of £500 and a £25 victim surcharge. Property owner AH Field (Holdings) Ltd, of Bath Row, Birmingham, also entered a guilty plea and was fined £2,000. Magistrates also ordered the property owner to pay costs of £1,107 and a victim surcharge of £120.

They told the court that more care should have been taken by the tree surgeon to ensure the limes were protected and that the company should have had better procedures in place.

Going soft to help children

IKEA Birmingham customers have raised over £38,000 since October as part of the Wednesday store's soft toys for education campaign, raising funds for educational projects around the globe.

For every soft toy purchased as part of the Soft Toys for Education Campaign between October 27 2014 and 3 January 2015, the Ikea Foundation donated £1 to educational projects run by Save the Children and UNICEF.

The funds raised by customers in Ikea Birmingham, are part of the over £550,000 raised nationwide.

Bar approved

A FORMER betting office in Walsall will be transformed into a bar after plans received the backing of council planners.

An application for the establishment, which will be called Makoto, was put forward for Bridge Street, Walsall.

Gallery's a hit with 200,000 art lovers



Success - The New Art Gallery, Walsall

WALSALL'S New Art Gallery is celebrating another successful 12 months with visitor numbers surpassing the 200,000 mark for the second year in a row.

The £21 million town centre gallery pulled in 202,775 art lovers from as far away as Mexico, New Zealand and Germany in 2014. Bosses say they are delighted the award-winning venue is as popular as ever.

It comes as Walsall Council plans to reduce the opening hours of the gallery under budget cuts.

It could be forced to close an hour earlier each day for 20 weeks through the winter

under cost-cutting proposals announced last year.

Last year the gallery celebrated the 40th anniversary of its permanent Garman Ryan Collection, with exhibitions also from leading artists Noemie Goudal, Richard Long, Gillian Wearing and Martin Parr.

Walsall's culture chief Councillor Khizar Hussain described the attraction as a 'gem'. He said: "I'm delighted that the gallery continues to deliver access to the arts across communities which everyone can come together and enjoy."

"What a marvellous gallery and Walsall

would be lost without it." In 2013, the world famous Damien Hirst exhibition was on at the gallery and 206,276 people visited in 12 months, up from 194,497 in 2012.

The iconic gallery, which was opened by the Queen in 2000, was awarded a grant of almost £500,000 to carry out improvements last year. It then emerged the council was looking to cut hours as part of its budget proposals for this year as part of proposals to save cash.

The plan to close at 4pm rather than 5pm from Tuesday to Friday is expected to save the council just over £5,000 a year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police given new powers with yobs

POLICE have been granted new powers to stop gangs of troublemakers blighting a part of Walsall with anti-social behaviour.

The dispersal order will allow officers to remove groups of young people found congregating and causing trouble on the Beechdale Estate.

It is the second dispersal order to be used on the estate since October last year. Police in Beechdale said anti-social behaviour of any kind was unacceptable and officers will be using their powers under the new legislation in order to tackle the issue.

Estate issues on meeting agenda

RESIDENTS living on a Bloxwich estate are being urged to air their views at a community meeting.

The next meeting of the Mossley Residents' Association is on February 4 at 7pm, at Mattersley Court, in Cresswell Crescent, Mossley. There will be representatives from the police station, councillors, Walsall Housing Group and the area partnership.

Issues to discuss will include an update on the plans for a crematorium on land off Broad Lane.

Museum display to close at weekend

THE In the Leather exhibition at Walsall Leather Museum, which ran as part of the Black Country Echoes Festival has been extended until Saturday.

The exhibition of images of Walsall's post-war leather trade opened began in September and was due to finish on January 10. There are also the Littleton Street West museum's collection of historic photographs and artefacts.

Health team is up for top award

A HEALTH team in the Black Country has been nominated for an award. The emotional health and wellbeing team in Walsall has been put forward for a prize for its work in mental health.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust will discover if it has won the National Mental Health First Aid award at the House of Lords.

Players sought

A BOWLING club is looking for experienced players to join them. The Pelsall CA club meets regularly at its green behind the community association in Station Road. Call Brian Lewis on 01922 683135.

Ex-Servis factory site set to make way for 170 homes

A FORMER landmark Darlaston factory site will be redeveloped with more than 170 homes under multi-million pound plans.

Developers are drawing up proposals to build the properties at the old Servis UK washing machine distribution complex. It comes after plans were shelved to build shops, restaurants, housing and leisure attractions at the site in Darlaston Road, Kings

Hill, two years ago.

Land owner West Register (Realisations) Ltd is poised to lodge new plans to Walsall Council for 153 houses and 18 flats.

Under the scheme, access will be provided from the main road and an emergency road off Bright Street.

The developer's planning agent Indigo said the application was being finalised, with bosses now writing to residents to inform them of the move. Darlaston South ward representative Councillor Paul Bott said he welcomed the proposals, but added he would have also liked to have seen a project to create much needed jobs for the town.

There were initial plans years ago for homes, but a fresh consultation was held in 2011 to consider the best use of the land. However, no firm plans were ever produced for retail or leisure facilities on the land.

The names chosen are Queslett Way, Asda Way, Ashworth Way and Booths Farm Way. Ward councillor Keith Linneor said: "Naming the paths will not only help those using the reserve but also the emergency services when it comes to finding someone in trouble in the reserve."

The new names can be seen on the map on the noticeboard at the reserve.

There is still time to consider naming some of the smaller paths in the reserve.

Anyone with suggestions are asked to email keith.linneor@birmingham.gov.uk.

Teachers read into inspiring pupils



St Thomas More Catholic High School teachers, from left, Dave Weighell, Siobhan Bowen and Martin Smith

STAFF at a school in Willenhall have come up with an idea to inspire more pupils to read classic books.

Teachers at St. Thomas More Catholic High School nominate their favourite book and then encourage children to read it.

Each term a staff member at the school in Darlaston Lane will pick a book. The scheme was designed by assistant headteacher Annette Brown.

She said: "This isn't merely about

staff from the English department rec-

ommending reading material, but the adults they see around them everyday explaining just what is so thrilling about a great book and a good read."

The first three staff to take up the challenge were learning support co-ordinator Dave Weighell, assistant head for pastoral care Siobhan Bowen and IT technician Martin Smith.

Mr Weighell chose travel writer Bill Bryson's *Lost Continent*.

Mr Weighell said: "I have done a lot

of travelling in Australia and America

and I love the way in which Bryson describes the interaction between different people, his wonderful dry humour and his sense of nostalgia."

Ms Bowen chose Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte. She said: "It could have been written any time about any place and has timeless romantic and social themes."

Finally, Mr Smith chose Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol*. He said: "I am halfway through it now and can't wait to turn the next page."

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IN MY VIEW



with Mark Andrews

IT'S confession time. I've changed, I've done a U-turn, turned my back on my principles.

Last year I wrote about my steadfast resistance to the smartphone revolution, and clinging to my battered old pay-as-you-go Nokia. People laughed at it, but it made calls and sent text messages, which is essentially what a phone is for.

But just over a month ago I succumbed, and got my first smartphone. Not that I paid for it, you understand. And I certainly haven't tied myself down to one of those contracts which seem a bit too much like buying your telly on the never-never.

But if you manage to amass 10,000 'Freebie Rewardz' points, you get one free, a Nokia Lumia something or other. And since the old one was clearly on the way out, it seemed rude not to.

There are a lot of things I don't like about Freebie Rewardz, not least the 'z'. Spelling things wrongly doesn't make you funky or modern, just stupid. And given that to qualify for 10,000 Rewardz points you have to spend a grand on calling credit, calling them 'freebie' is a bit of a stretch.

That said, the phone is very shiny. And it makes a groovy clicking noise when you turn it on and off. Just one problem. Where are the instructions?

My old phone, which was pretty basic, came with 98 pages of instructions. One or two I could have done without. Like the two pages entitled: 'Turning your phone on and off.' Or the section 'Making and receiving calls', which featured such nuggets as '(1) Enter the area code and phone number' and '(2) press 'yes'.'

But the instructions for this one run to just two pages. And I've no idea how to use it.

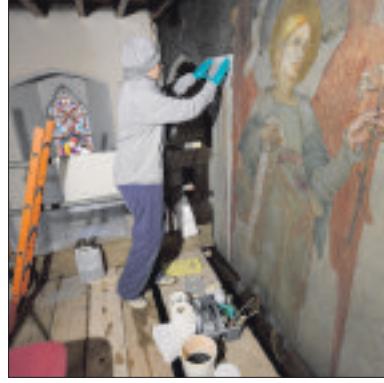
"You look on the internet for instructions these days," explained a young person in the office. Fair enough. Unless, of course, you need the phone to access the internet.

Anyway, it all got sorted and, for a few days, I must admit I thought it was all pretty cool, being able to surf the information superhighway and check my emails at any time.

Then I started being woken by text messages in the night.

"We notice you have started using data. You will be charged £2." Whaaat? So some bozo on the other side of the world sends you an an email trying to flog you counterfeit Viagra, and you're expected to pay £2 for the privilege. That's £14 a week. Or £728 a year. Think of how many bags of pork scratchings you could get for that.

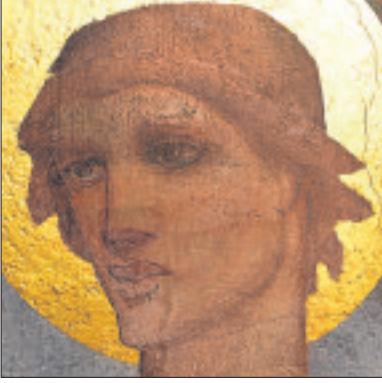
After consulting again with the said young person, I have now managed to turn the internet off. So one month after becoming part of the smartphone generation, I now have a phone which does the same thing as my old one, but takes up twice as much space in my pocket. That's progress for you!



Conservator Lisa Shekede works on the paintings



Scaffolding seen inside Rushall Parish Church



A painting of the archangel Uriel at the church

WEEK IN POLITICS



with Daniel Wainwright

MORE proof, if it were needed, that the West Midlands is essential to the General Election: Ed Miliband was due to visit – to Cannock to be precise.

We've had two helpings of Ed Balls in four months, with a side of George Osborne in Hatherton, just over the border in South Staffordshire.

It's no surprise, of course. Cannock Chase was the scene of the biggest swing from Labour to the Tories in 2010. It could be something of a bellwether in the early hours of May 8 as to who is on course to win.

The Labour leader was heading there to hold a question and answer with what politicians like to term 'real people'.

Hopefully, as it was open to anyone who registered, it was a chance for people to share their concerns and quiz the man who might well be our next Prime Minister. Unfortunately, it was advertised on the Labour party website and not that many would have found it, unless they were one of the lucky few sent a letter. This is a problem Labour has to address if it is to have a hope of turfing David Cameron out of Number 10.

Deserted

You see, there's a type of person that decides to sign up to attend Labour party events after finding them on Labour party websites or hears about them through other Labour party members. They tend to be people who either support or are interested in the Labour party.

Getting out and meeting people is the only way to win over sceptics. Preaching to the converted is not enough.

Any party leader surrounding himself with people already either like-minded or at least very open to what he has to say isn't going to get the desired effect.

The people in Cannock who deserted Labour in 2010 aren't just going to turn up and tell Labour they have come back to the fold.

Culture minister Ed Vaizey spent a day in the Black Country, visiting Wolverhampton's community radio station WCR FM before heading off to Dudley Zoo. While at the radio station he discussed the fight to bring back the £4 million Barbara Hepworth sculpture Rock Form, which was removed from the Mander Centre. MPs Pat McFadden and Paul Uppal have both campaigned on it. Mr Vaizey was pleased to hear his fellow Tory Mr Uppal had been so involved.

The Tories have now picked a candidate to hold on to the safe seat of Aldridge-Brownhills for them when Sir Richard Shepherd stands down at the election.

The choice of Wendy Morton meant long-serving local councillor Marco Longhi missed out. Sir Richard's enviable majority makes it a much better prospect as Mrs Morton makes her third bid for Westminster.



WRev Colin Such gets close to the artwork, usually way above his head



St Michael, dating back to 1905-1906

One Walsall church's historic painted angels are being restored as part of a special £200,000 project

ANGELS are being given a new lease of life in one Walsall church as part of a £200,000 conservation project.

Rushall Parish Church currently has a team of conservators in place who are undertaking the delicate project to preserve historic frescoes which were created by English painter Reginald Frampton.

The renowned artist specialised in murals and painted the four archangels, the tree of knowledge and other angels onto the walls of the building, which is also known as St Michael the Archangel Church, in the early 20th century.

However, with the passage of time, inevitably, the artworks have deteriorated and the paint has been flaking off.

The conservation scheme is the final phase of a project of improvements that has seen a new heating system installed and windows and the stonework cleaned at the church in Leigh Road.

The work on the paintings is being carried out by Lisa Shekede and Stephen Rickerby, who are based in London.

As part of the process, Lisa has painstakingly cleaned the wall surrounding the figure of the archangel Gabriel with thin paper and cotton buds. Once the cleaning and rubbing down stage is completed, the pair will begin the intricate process of placing the individual flakes of paint that have fallen from the wall back into position using specialist techniques.

St Michael's spokesman, Bob Barnard, said: "When the conservators arrived they found that the condition of the paintings was different depending on their location up the walls.

"The higher up they are above the

chancel, the worse the flaking has been. Some of the individual flakes are quite big in size. These will be delicately put back into position. The worst damage is near the organ pipes and the ceiling. This work will preserve the paintings for future generations to enjoy and stop them from flaking again."

Mr Barnard said a new heating system had improved conditions in the church.

He said: "We used to have condensation in the church, but since we got rid of the open gas fires and replaced the heating system six years ago we ha-

ven't had any problems with this and there has been little deterioration since then."

Worshippers have so far raised £93,000 towards the restoration project by holding fairs and other community events, and a further £81,000 grant was awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Scaffolding has been installed across the north and south transepts and above the chancel to allow the experts to get close to the paintings.

In 1997, the parochial church council sought advice from experts on how best to conserve the pre-Raphaelite paint-

ings and an environmental monitoring report led to the heating system being changed.

The artwork is believed to be one of only three frescoes by Frampton left in churches in Britain. Smaller examples are located in Hastings, in east Sussex, and Southend, in Essex.

Rev Colin Such, vicar at Rushall Parish Church said: "We are delighted that work on this final phase has started. We are grateful to everyone who has helped us reach this point especially church members and people in the wider community."

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SNP should be represented in debates

WHY are the media getting in a sweat about David Cameron refusing to take part in any leader's debates on TV if it doesn't include The Green Party, when the more important question they should be asking is why is the leader of the Scottish National Party being ignored?

According to the latest polling figures for the upcoming General Election in May the Scottish National Party (SNP) are on course to become the majority political party representing Scotland at Westminster. Faced with what appears to be more than a pos-

sibility the SNP after May could see itself not only being in control of the Scottish Parliament but being the nation's third largest party, and more importantly in the enviable position of being able to put pressure on any prospective UK government even to the point of making it include them in coalition.

Whether in a coalition or not the SNP could make it night on impossible or extremely difficult to say the least for any British political party to govern one half of the kingdom without their help.

J STANHOPE, Willenhall

PM right to hit out at adviser

IT is rare that I have the pleasure of agreeing one hundred per cent with David Cameron, but he is certainly right to identify Steven Emerson as 'a complete idiot'.

I think that one might assume from the remarks from Tom Watson, MP, that the opposition agrees with the prime minister in his low opinion of the 'expert' who says Birmingham is completely Muslim.

But are the party leaders prepared to carry this recognition through into policy? Emerson is an adviser to the government of the United States of America. It seems foolhardy to maintain military alliances with a regime informed by such dodgy 'expertise'.

Are Cameron, Miliband and Clegg willing to extricate the United Kingdom from entanglement with the USA? For that matter, is that beer-loving guy willing to insist on the UK's independence from Emerson's congressional dupes?

A T HARRISON
Walsall

Cinemas bid is criticised

FOR many years Walsall town centre has been without a cinema. We are now to have two.

I doubt that there is sufficient call for two multi-screened cinemas, and feel that one of them could have been built as a theatre, which the town sadly lacks.

The nearest theatre of any note is in Wolverhampton, but this is far from being convenient for Walsall people returning at night. The Prince of Wales theatre in Cannock does a good job, but is too small to host top shows. The town still lacks a proper coach park, indoor bowling rink (not ten pin) and possibly an ice rink.

I realise that money is tight, but it could possibly be raised by private enterprise for the sports facilities, which would attract different age groups to those attracted to the various pubs and night clubs in the town.

G THOMAS, Walsall

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Disappearing park for leisure centre

WELL now we can see the full impact of the new leisure centre build on Leamore Park's open green space. Go and have a look at how much land grab Walsall Council has taken for this project.

I hope every councillor hangs their head in shame and, oh yes, also the Friends of Leamore Park – you won't have a park to be friends of soon. Such devastation of free open green land by the Labour-controlled council. See how far down the park the fencing has been put up and weep.

They will tell you that they have given us land in return; no they haven't, this is the old children's playground area and no way does it recompense the loss

S THOMPSON
Leamore

TERRY LEWIS
President

Collections raise £1,500

ON behalf of the Rotary Club of Willenhall I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of the public who responded so generously to a number of collections we organised this year.

Collections at the Boundary Mill supermarket during the weekends of December 20 and 21 and January 2, 3 and 4 and the Tesco store in Owen Road, Darlaston on December 17 raised a total of £1,545.

Thanks are also due to the three stores concerned.

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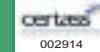
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Eyesight loss mother in funds hope



Emily Worrall, with Angela Tooth, club stewardess, Catherine Whitehouse, chairperson and Mandi Edwards secre-

A MOTHER-of-three who is losing her eyesight is throwing a 30th birthday party with a difference next month.

Emily Worrall was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa (RP) at the age of 26 in 2011.

It meant she had to give up her job as a veterinary nurse and could no longer drive. The 29-year-old from Brownhills decided to turn her 30th birthday party into a fundraising event for the charity RP Fighting Blindness.

She said: "I didn't really want a party as they can be dark and busy places and I have no peripheral vision so it's hard for me. But my family said

I had to have a party as it is my 30th."

Three years ago Mrs Worrall went for a routine check-up at her opticians and it was there that she discovered something was seriously wrong with her vision. She continued: "I told the optician that I had been struggling to see at night and also at work I'd been tripping over things. They did a test on me and straight away I was referred to Walsall Manor Hospital and then to New Cross in Wolverhampton. It was there that they confirmed I had RP. It was a real shock. I had to give up my job as a veterinary nurse and could no longer drive."

Local businesses have donated raffle

prizes after Mrs Worrall, who turns 30 on February 26, announced on Facebook that she was having a party at Grangemoor Working Men's Club in Burntwood on February 21.

Mrs Worrall, who works as a veterinary practice co-ordinator, has organised another fundraiser which is due to take place on April 4 at Burntwood Institute Community Centre. Around 20 stalls will be set up at the event to raise cash for RP Fighting Blindness.

She added: "I just want to raise as much money for the charity who are trying to find a cure for RP and to make people aware of this condition."



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It's Mexican Chico time



Chico Rico the clown, performing at Darlaston Town Hall

INTERNATIONAL performer Chico Rico was the star attraction when a circus troupe came to town.

The Mexican clown was in the line-up when Circus Starr staged its Raise The Roof variety extravaganza at Darlaston Town Hall.

The show included illusionists, magicians, jugglers, along with spinners and balancing acts to help raise funds for good causes.

Chico was at the side of ringmaster Robert Price for two shows last Monday. Ringmaster Mr Price said: "It was a huge success. The feedback we've had from people on Facebook has been fantastic. The tour is going brilliantly. We always

get a fantastic audience when we come to the Walsall area."

Performing alongside Chico Rico was Las Chicas Morales and also back by popular demand was Peanuts the Clown. Circus Starr, a community interest company, was set up 28 years ago.

It supports disabled, underprivileged and vulnerable children with its 75-venue tour that is held three times a year. Each year it donates more than £1.37 million worth of free tickets to children's charities and groups across the country.

Any surplus funds raised by the show are donated to a charity partner in each of the boroughs it visits.

A DUST cover left on a smoke alarm may have led to the death of a pensioner in a house fire in Walsall, an inquest heard.

Retired barmaid Anne Fowler, aged 79, died from burns and smoke inhalation after a discarded cigarette or a match sparked the blaze.

Her body was discovered by the emergency services after her son Stephen arrived at the bungalow, in Edison Road, Beechdale, to find thick smoke billowing at 10am on November 5, last year.

The pensioner was found lying on a sofa. Black Country assistant coroner Dr Andrew Thompson, who recorded Mrs Fowler's death as accidental, said he will ask the Government to look into ensuring the dust covers are removed from smoke alarms.

West Midlands Fire Service investigator Watch Commander Jason Dean told the hearing at Smethwick Council House that although the detectors were heard going off, the plastic cover may have resulted in a delay in the pensioner being alerted.

The blue cover was installed while work was being carried out to adapt the bungalow by the owners Beechdale Community Housing Association before Mrs Fowler moved in last April. Mr Dean said: "It is evident that the smoke detectors were going off, but one of them didn't pick up any smoke until it was too late."

Mr Dean said since Mrs Fowler's death the housing association had checked all its sites to ensure covers were removed after the completion of any repairs. He said the covers did carry warning labels, advising that they should be removed. Dr Thompson said: "I will write to the Home Office to ask them to look at the legislation."

In a statement, Friendship Care and Housing said: "We were extremely shocked and saddened by Mrs Fowler's death. We have instructed our contractors to ensure all dust covers are removed from properties prior to new tenants moving in."

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Tory outcry on garden waste tax proposed

A PROPOSED charge for collecting garden waste in Walsall is a tax too far, it has been claimed by a leading Tory councillor.

It comes as protesters have collected a petition of almost 2,000 names in opposition. There are concerns there will be more garden cuttings put into rubbish bins and increased landfill costs.

by Craig Hughes

The Labour-run council has run a consultation period and said no firm decisions will be made until next month. Environment chief, Councillor Lee Jeavons, previously said: "There are some really significant changes to the services residents currently receive contained within these proposals, such as adopting fortnightly collections of general household waste."

Conservatives deputy leader, Councillor Adrian Andrew, said residents already pay for the garden waste service through their council tax – and this was a tax too far. "This proposal has been put forward to us by officers many times and we have always said a resounding 'no' – people have only got to look at the disaster in Birmingham to see the impact on Walsall borough," he said.

"I would stress that people need to be aware of the council's financial position. We need to save £86 million over the next four years and simply saying no is not enough." It comes as a separate campaign has also been launched to save libraries.

Thousands of people have signed petitions to ensure Streetly and Pheasey facilities are retained after being identified to shut under cost-cutting measures to save more than £500,000.

Amy on her marks for charity target



Amy Lowbridge, of Love Lane, Great Wyrley, running the London Marathon in aid of Children with Cancer UK

A BUDDING athlete is to take part in this year's London Marathon – and hopes to raise £2,000 along the way.

Amy Lowbridge, aged 21, will at the starting line for the marathon on April 26.

Miss Lowbridge, from Great Wyrley, only started running after her application was successful in August last year. She is raising money for Children with Cancer UK, and has already raised £100 toward her £2,000 target.

She said: "I haven't done anything like this before and I've never really been a regular runner, but I guess I am now. The charity has given me a regime to go by – I train every single day and do swimming, cycling, and running to make sure I'll be fit and ready for the day."

Miss Lowbridge recently completed her Duke of Edinburgh gold award where she met multi-gold medal paralympian Tanni Grey-Thompson.

She said: "I met Tanni Grey-Thompson at the DofE presentation evening and she gave me loads of really helpful advice.

"It's always been an ambition of mine to the London Marathon. I tried to apply to do it last year but missed out on a place."

People wanting to sponsor Miss Lowbridge can visit [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AmyLowbridge](http://virginmoneygiving.com/AmyLowbridge).



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Lions share out jackets and life-saving device

A TEAM of future Rooneys and Ronaldos has a new sponsor – and a life-saving bit of kit.

Staffordshire's Wyrley Juniors FC Under 7s Lions have snazzy new rain jackets alongside another new addition to their kit bag, a defibrillator.

The team has benefited from the donations of Willenhall-based Safeaid Services, a first aid training company.

The automated external defibrillator (AED) will be carried with the team whenever they train or play their matches. It will be used in an emergency if any player or spectator suffers a cardiac arrest.

Safeaid Services boss Fred Clowes said he was happy to help. He said: "We were approached by the Lions to sponsor their rain jackets, but we thought it would be great if we could also donate this unit to protect the team and also other players and spectators while they play."

Specifically

"Although sudden cardiac arrest is rare in children, it does happen and providing the automated external defibrillator massively improves outcomes. We believe that this will be one of the first AEDs specifically for the medical kit of such a young team anywhere in the country."

The company, based in Gipsy Lane, Willenhall, is now training the parents of the team to use the device. Wyrley Juniors FC Under 7s Lion chairman Keith Hardy said he was delighted with the new jackets and defibrillator.

The club is based in Long Lane. To coincide with February half-term, it has also arranged some coaching skills workshops. The Staffordshire FA Skills Coaching sessions will take place on February 16 and 18.

On the 16th, there will be a class from 10am until midday for girls aged between five and eight.

This will be followed by a session from 1pm to 3pm for girls aged from nine up to 11.



Wyrley Juniors FC Under 7s Lions with their new rain jackets and defibrillator

And on the 18th, there will be a session for boys aged between eight and 11 from 10am until 1pm.

The cost is £2 per class and the club warned that there is limited availability, with only 32 spaces per session.

To book a place, call Keith on 07836202764. Wyrley Juniors is also on the lookout for a keeper to play in the ladies reserve team. Safeaid Services has also supported Walsall Golf Club by providing a defibrillator.

The move made Walsall one of only a third of UK golf courses to have such equipment.

Lead instructor Stuart Clowes said the machine is designed to shock a patient's heart suffering cardiac arrest and can dramatically increase chance of survival.

For more information, visit the www.safeaidservices.co.uk website or log on to www.wyrleyjuniors.net

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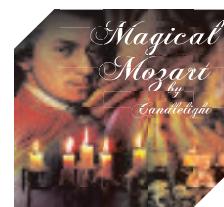
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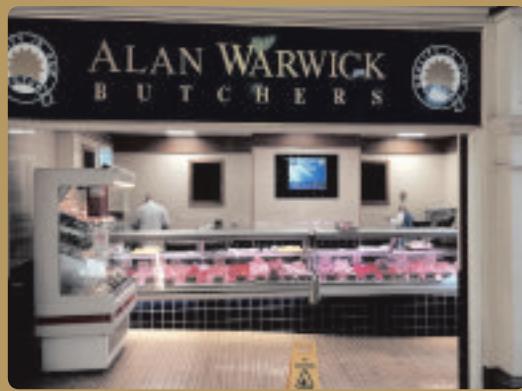
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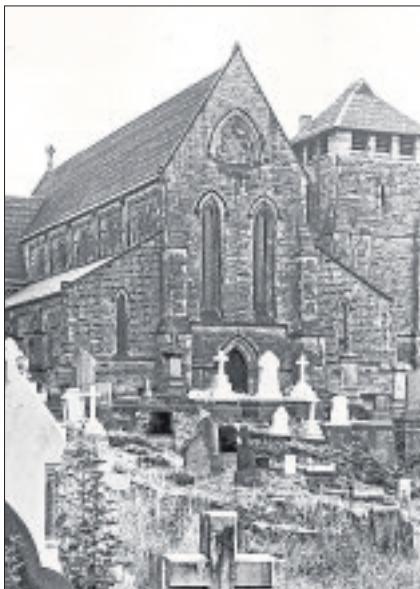
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John Shipley at the Royal Victoria Hotel, in Newport



A relief on the Sister Dora statue in Walsall depicting her comforting families in 1872



Pensnett Church where many paid their respects in

Fear of disasters which haunted families of miners across region

DISASTER: it was a word that was forever in the minds of all those who lived in a mining community in Walsall.

Residents feared a sudden accident in the local colliery that would swiftly wreak death and destruction and bring enduring sorrow and travails.

And as in other mining regions, the Black Country too suffered from disasters – as was made plain on November 14, 1872 at the Pelsall Heath Colliery. Disaster struck when water had accumulated in the old workings of an adjacent abandoned mine and had broken through to where 50 men had been lowered down to work at 6am.

Fortunately, three hours later, 20 of them had come back up for breakfast.

Soon after, as the water rushed in and flooded the tunnels below, these lucky miners heard an alarming cry from the bottom of the 60ft shaft. "Lower the cage or we shall all be drowned!" was the call. Colliers nearest to the shaft were able to

MEMORY LANE

Report by Carl Chinn

save themselves. One man in particular had a remarkable escape. Clinging to a ladder, he was carried along underground for a quarter of a mile by the rush of water and 'when dragged up by his fellows, he was insensible'.

But by nightfall, 22 men remained entombed. As soon as was possible, the colliery's management swiftly set up pumping apparatus. Unhappily, although 850 tons of water per minute could be pumped out, the flow was so rapid that by late Thursday night the level of water had reached almost 11 yards. It did not start to drop until well into the Friday. Throughout Thursday and Friday, the womenfolk of the trapped miners gathered at the pit head. Shawls pulled over their heads and wrapped around their shoulders, they sat in patient sorrow. Among those who had escaped was Joseph Cash. He

had been sitting on Jiggers Hill eating his breakfast when 'Squash', George Jeffreys, had come running to him, shouting "Run for your life!" The water was close after him and both boys fled with all their speed down the hill to the bottom of the shaft. Unhappily their father and another brother were among the 22 men who had not escaped. Sadly they all died.

Sister Dora, the Anglican nun and nurse who has become an iconic figure in Walsall, headed for Pelsall to comfort the families and to distribute blankets and food.

Just over 50 years later, on April 21, 1923, 57 miners working in the Dandy Mine in Pensnett were also overwhelmed by disaster. At about midday, there was a terrific flood of water and the colliers ran as fast as they could to escape. Five men were missing. Two days later, the rescuers found Enoch Cadman alive, sitting on a ventilation passage on the way to the thick coal.

Unhappily, the four other men were found dead lower down. Thousands turned out to pay their respects when the men

were buried in Wordsley Parish Church and Pensnett Parish Church. Local and national support was even more marked following the dreadful Aberfan Disaster of October 21, 1966. That day, and after several days of heavy rain, a mass of waterlogged mining debris in a slag heap slid down the mountain above the South Wales village near Merthyr Tydfil.

Within five minutes this frightful avalanche engulfed a farm, some terraced cottages and Pantglas Junior School, where pupils were just beginning their first lessons. The effect was terrible: 116 children and 28 adults were killed. Quickly an Aberfan Disaster Memorial Fund was set up with 90,000 contributions made, totalling £1,606,929. One benefit event involved John Shipley and the The Spartans. Now better known as an author of football histories and Westerns, John was then lead guitarist and vocalist. He recalls: "On Saturday, November 2, 1966, more than one-thousand rock and roll fans crammed into Walsall Town Hall to support a charity event."

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Couple are clear winners at Select



Winners Eileen and Robert Stacey, left of car, are seen with Select company owners Tony and John Wood

TWENTY five years after buying their conservatory from a leading windows and doors company in Walsall Wood, a Willenhall couple got more than they bargained for when they went back for an orangery.

A delighted Eileen and Robert Stacey ended up winning a car in a special competition organised by Select Windows to celebrate 35 years in business.

Owners of the company, brothers Tony and John Wood decided to mark the milestone in style and give something back to their loyal customers, by running the competition.

They bought a car from the Acorn Kia dealers in Chasetown and there was a prize draw with the car up for grabs for the winner, which ran throughout the firm's 35th year.

Pleased

Anyone who spent with them went into the prize draw, and the Staceys, of New Invention, upgraded to an orangery last year returning to Select because they were so pleased with the service they had received a quarter of a century before. The couple said they had never won anything before.

In fact, they were so pleased with the experience, that they recommended Select to their son who used the firm for some home improvements. Mrs Stacey said that it was an easy decision to use Select again, as they trusted the firm to do a proper job - the fitters were 'impeccable' and the service, 'fantastic'. She said she was really pleased to have won the car, as she needed it, and they had never won anything like this before.

Dangerous driver was caught on pavement

AN unqualified driver twice careered over the pavement and shot through a road junction without stopping while speeding away from police, a judge heard.

The occupants of an unmarked police car spotted Patrick Brown behind the wheel of his girlfriend's Ford Fiesta at 9.15pm on November 2, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 22-year-old tree-surgeon went round a bend so badly that the officers started to follow him along Chapel Street, Blakenall, Walsall. He then drove over the pavement, narrowly missed a barrier and reached 40mph in a 30mph zone before failing to brake at a junction, said Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting.

The Fiesta then drove onto the pavement again for over 100ft before speeding away from the officers who had checked the registration of the car and were waiting outside the home of Brown's girlfriend when he returned soon afterwards, the court heard. He was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis for personal use and later explained that he tried to get

Report by John Scott

away from police because he had been forced to pay £400 to recover the car after it was seized, it was said.

Miss Liz DeOliveira, defending, said: "He was on the way to the shops because his girlfriend was ill, panicked and behaved extremely stupidly."

Brown from Wells Lane, Blakenall, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and was given a nine-month jail sentence suspended under supervision for two years with 125 hours unpaid work. He also admitted driving without insurance or a licence and was banned from driving for a year and ordered to pay £400 in fines and costs.

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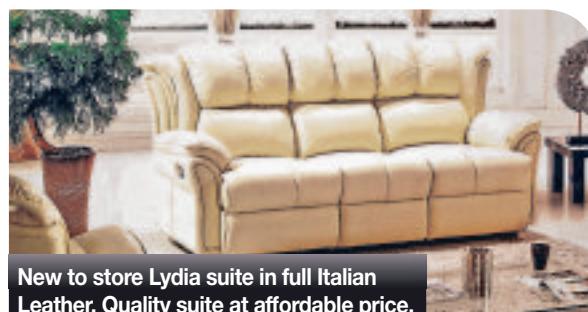
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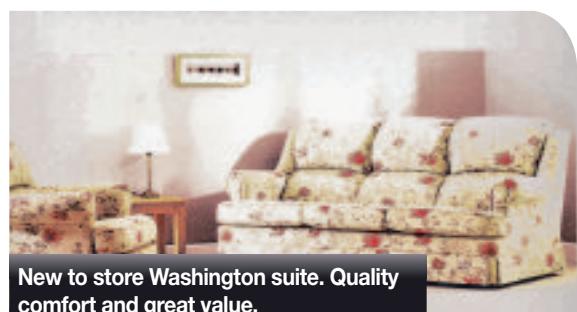
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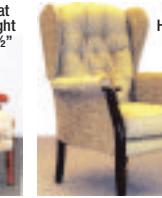
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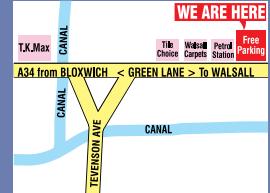
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Toyah getting up close and acoustic

PUNK princess, TV presenter and actress Toyah brings her Acoustic Up Close and Personal show to Bilton's Robin 2 venue on Thursday, February 5.

Birmingham's Toyah Willcox appeared in the Derek Jarman movies Jubilee and his surreal take on The Tempest, and mod favourite Quadrophenia, before her music career took over in the 1980s with hits including It's A Mystery and I Want To Be Free. As a TV presenter she has presented both The Good Sex Guide Late and Songs Of Praise!

There will be mirth as well as music with support from the Black Country's rising comedy star Jonny Cole and local rocker Steve Mercy. Call the box office on 01902 401211.

Lowings is back on home patch

KIM Lowings from Stourbridge has, with The Greenwood which is made up of Andrew Lowings, Tim Rogers and Dave Sutherland, established herself as a respected musician on the folk circuit with her strong and crystal clear singing.

She also plays a mean Appalachian dulcimer.

The band will be on their home patch on Friday January 30 when they play at The Woodman Folk Club which meets at the Marina, Kingswinford.

Tickets are £6 for members and £1 more for non-members.

The show starts at 8.30pm.

New releases on DVD and Blu-ray

If you missed out on some of the best recent TV shows there is a chance to catch up via the latest DVD and Blu-ray releases.

Hard-hitting BBC drama The Missing (15) stars James Nesbitt and Frances O'Connor as the frantic parents of five-year-old boy who goes missing on a French holiday, which leads to a gripping and heart-breaking quest. It is available for DVD and Blu-ray.

The first three series of the US remake of dark Danish thriller The Killing (15), with Mireille Enos as detective Sarah Linden investigating a teenager's murder, is now available as a box set on DVD and Blu-ray. The fourth series was recently on Netflix.

History buffs may enjoy two new titles.

Britain's Bloodiest Dynasty The Plantagenets (15) shows actual medieval history is just as full of feuding families, violence and betrayal as a series of Game of Thrones. Dan Snow's docu-drama was originally shown on Channel 5. It's now out on DVD.

Britain has some of the finest castles in the world, largely thanks to those Normans and Plantagenets. In BBC documentary Secrets Of The Castle time travelling historian Ruth Goodman joins archaeologists Peter Ginn and Tom Pinfold to learn the skills of the castle builders. They join an ambitious project to build a medieval style castle from scratch at Guedelon in France. It is available on DVD.

Ballet springs into action after £2.7m revamp of HQ

New 'king' and Queen still reign

Queen and Adam Lambert, Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham

AFTER all these years Queen still reign supreme. And the ecstatic fans at the packed Birmingham Barclaycard Arena were more than happy to be their loyal subjects as they brought the house down.

It was a sensational mix of the new 'king' Adam Lambert and long-time musicians still at the top of their game, Brian May and Roger Taylor, and brilliant interaction with the fans who were in awe throughout.

Lambert's ludicrously good vocal talents went perfectly with Queen's music. Since his spectacular performance with Queen on New Year's Eve at London's O2, music fans and critics Lambert have raved about him and after performances in Glasgow and Newcastle the shows have been hailed as 'an all-guns-blazing rock machine'.

And the Arena crowd echoed those sentiments as they clapped and sang along to one favourite after another, opening with One Vision and later the very appropriate We Will Rock You – and they did, Don't Stop Me Now – why would we want to? And We Are The Champions – no doubt about that! They saved that one



Adam Lambert and Brian May – terrific interaction with the fans

for the end with the fans up on their feet. And there was of course the song crowned the UK's favourite Number One - Bohemian Rhapsody.

In fact it was Lambert's own virtual duet with Freddie Mercury, who appeared on a large screen to huge cheers from the crowd, on Bohemian Rhapsody that truly showed how well his vocals compete with the great man himself. Lambert paid tribute to 'the wonderful Freddie Mercury' by saying

how much he had inspired him from an early age.

And in another poignant moment Roger Taylor sang These Are The Days Of Our Lives... as old images of the band flashed up on screen.

With imagery of Mercury it was a fitting tribute to the man himself. No one will ever be able to replace him but there's currently no-one else who could better fill his shoes.

SUE ATTWATER

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet, is springing back into action for 2015 following the £2.7 million revamp of its HQ in the city.

The company presents An Evening of Music and Dance at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Saturday.

BRB director David Bintley will compere the event which will include classical favourites from the Royal Ballet Sinfonia plus scenes from the company's repertoire.

These will include Momoko Hirata as Swanilda in Coppélia, Céline Gittens as Odile in Swan Lake with Tyrone Singleton as The Prince, and Elisha Willis as Cinderella. There will also be the world premiere of a new ballet, Matryoshka, from BRB's Ruth Brill.

Strictly

BRB then launches its season at Birmingham Hippodrome with Moving Stateside, featuring three American ballets, on February 18 and Coppélia from February 24.

Strictly Come Dancing judge and former Royal Ballet star Darcey Bussell, in her capacity as President of Birmingham Royal Ballet's Campaign for the Future, was among guests who last week got a tour of the company's refurbished building behind the Hippodrome, which has three state-of-the-art dance studios.

Ms Bussell said: "The new facilities will allow Birmingham Royal Ballet to welcome the community,



Dancers Miki Mizutani and Tzu-Chao Chou rehearse

nurture the talent of the future and maintain their position at the forefront of both British and international dance."

It also sends its professionals into schools to introduce ballet to youngsters.

BRB director David Bintley said that the studios meant nothing unless they were filled with dancers, particularly young people.

He added: "What we now have in this building is a wonderful platform to make that next step."

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CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Channel 5, 10pm)

Medical marijuana dispensary owner Lloyd Bryant's phone suddenly rings and he is played a video of his wife and children, bound and gagged. Following instructions via text message, he puts money into a duffle bag and hands it to a nervous-looking customer, who raises the suspicion of the store's security guard, and is shot dead. DB and the team learn that the jittery woman was a cancer patient named Allison Ball, who recently received a video of her brother Stuart, who had also been abducted. Crime drama, starring Ted Danson, Elisabeth Shue, George Eads, Jorja Fox, Eric Szmanda, Robert David Hall, Wallace Langham, Marc Vann, David Berman and Richard Speight Jr.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.30** R. **2.00** Escape to the Country. **1.30** R. **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **1.30** R. **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** Saturday Celebrities. **1.30** R. **6.10** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **6.30** Now You See It. The best and worst of the magic world, featuring a man who disguises himself as an armchair and strange happenings in a chip shop, as well as a few tricks going wrong. **7.00** The Voice UK. The competition forges ahead with the fourth round of the blind auditions and the continuing campaign by coaches Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Ricky Wilson and Rita Ora to build a 12-strong team. As ever, the fun starts whenever more than one coach wants the same singer and argue why they would make the best mentor. **8.30** The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List. Shane Richie hosts the game show in which two contestants pick a selection of dream prizes to make up their personal wish lists, all of which have a connection to their shared history together. They then face categories of questions in an attempt to win their chosen items. **9.20** Casualty. A single father and his two teenage children are brought in after a car crash, but the dad only seems concerned about his daughter, leaving his son feeling neglected. Big Mac's money worries lead him to a pawn shop – where he encounters a window cleaner who appears to have been stabbed – and a man is admitted with a bullet wound, although the doctors become suspicious when they can find nothing wrong with the patient. A determined Connie throws herself into work after losing Grace. Tess returns to the department and Honey is surprised when Ethan gives her the cold shoulder – especially after they had been getting so close. **10.10** BBC News: Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day; National Lottery Update. **12.00** The Football League Show. **1.20** Film: Stark Raving Mad. (2002) **2.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Film: Bitter Victory. (1957) **8.25** Live Tennis: Australian Open Women's Final. **11.30** Animal Park. **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.45** Hollywood Greats. **1.25** Film: Lust for Life. (1956) Biopic of Van Gogh, starring Kirk Douglas. **3.25** Film: Hidalgo. (2004) Period adventure, with Viggo Mortensen. **5.30** The Great British Sewing Bee – Class of 2014. **1.30** **6.30** Flieg! It! Experts Kate Bateman and David Barber search for antiques that can be sold off profit in Colchester. Fossils and finds include boxes of old toy cars and an art deco item. Presenter Paul Martin tracks down the last remaining practitioner of an ancient craft that once lifted people out of poverty. **7.30** Attenborough's Paradise Birds. Among David Attenborough's life-long passions are birds of paradise, which he has tracked all over the jungles of New Guinea to film their beautiful and often bizarre displays. In this documentary, he examines how and why these creatures have captivated explorers, naturalists, artists, film-makers and even royalty, investigating the myths surrounding their discovery 500 years ago, the latest extraordinary behaviour captured on camera and the science behind their beauty. **8.30** Dad's Army. The platoon takes part in an exercise with the regular army and everything goes well – until Mainwaring assumes the role of an enemy agent on the run. **9.00** QI. Quiz with a difference, in which the questions are so difficult points are awarded for the answers host Stephen Fry finds most interesting. **9.30** The Secret World of Lewis Carroll. The programme explores the life and work of the author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, and examines what lies behind the book's enduring appeal to adults and children alike. **10.30** Film: Ginger & Rosa. (2012) Premiere. Drama, starring Elle Fanning and Alice Englert. **11.55** Film: The Tempest. (2010) A sonorous play, revenge on her brother for sending her into exile when a storm strands him on her island home. Shakespearean fantasy, starring Helen Mirren. **1.40** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knockers Street. **6.10** Bottom Knockers Street. **6.20** Bottom Knockers Street. **6.35** Dino Dan. **7.00** Cannibals. **7.10** Sooty. **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. **7.30** Scrambled: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **7.40** Scrambled!: Adventure. **7.45** Scrambled!: Horrid Harry. **8.15** Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **1.40** The Undrables. **2.10** Who's Doing the Dishes? **3.10** Doc Martin. **4.10** Big Star's Little Star. **5.10** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.20** ITV News: Weather. **5.30** You've Been Framed! A-Z of Animals. **6.30** Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes. A sales assistant, a senior manager of a tanning salon chain, a children's singing tutor, a mother and a student impersonate famous singers as they vie for a place in the final. **7.30** Planet's Got Talent. Featuring a group of flexible Chinese men, a six-year-old dancer, a cowboy with impressive rope skills and a contestant who extinguishes candles by squirting water from his eyes. **8.05** Take Me Out. Dancer Rob from London, barman Ryan from Leicester, security guard Karl from Dublin and busker Jamie from Kent vie for the attentions of 30 single women, intent on capturing their interest and securing a date. However, first they must get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Host Paddy McGuinness monitors their progress and reviews the dating action from last week's couples on the Isle of Fernando. **9.20** The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by Great British Bake Off contestants Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins, veteran actress Diana Rigg and Bendorm star Johnny Vegas. **10.25** ITV News: Weather. **10.35** Film: The Shawshank Redemption. (1994) A banker wronged and his wife's murderer form an extraordinary friendship with a fellow inmate over the course of their sentences. Drama, with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. **1.10** Film: Your Highness. (2011) Fantasy comedy, with Danny McBride. **1.45** The Last Leg. **2.00** Film: Prizzi's Honor. (1985) **4.10** Hollyoaks. **(R)**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport. **7.00** Killarney Adventure Race. **7.25** Ironman Expedition Race. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** The King of Queens. **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **10.30** Frasier. **11.00** Frasier. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **12.25** Special with Guy Martin. **1.30** Formula 1 Racing. Live coverage from Silverstone Park, F1 Los Angeles. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.00** The Big Bang Theory. **5.30** The Simpsons. **6.00** The Simpsons. Bert tracks down a former student after Groundskeeper Willie reveals that he pulled off the "ultimate prank", and Marge starts shopping at a natural foods store. **6.30** Channel 4 News. **7.00** The Restaurant Man. After living with his wife for 25 years, Yorkshire couple Carol and Majid Nadir embark on an ambitious midlife adventure – buying a water tower to turn into a five-storey home. As they battle with the huge rusting tank on top of the building, they encounter devastating legal problems, and unexpected costs hit their budget. However, the pair refuse to give up on their mission to create a one-off design, and architect George Clarke encourages them to see their daunting challenge through, while detailing the seismic changes in architectural history that this structure's humble appearance conceals. **8.00** The World's Weirdest Weather. New series. Bizarre climatic conditions, including a vast cave system with its own weather, plus glow-in-the-dark waves, an upside-down rainbow and "spider lightning". **9.00** Film: Ted. (2012) Premiere. A lonely boy makes a wish at Christmas that his teddy bear will come to life, which is magically granted. The boy grows up to become a dim-witted sinner, with the foul-mouthed living toy still his inseparable friend – but his girlfriend thinks it is time for him to grow up. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis. **11.10** Film: Your Highness. (2011) Fantasy comedy, with Danny McBride. **1.05** The Last Leg. **2.00** Film: Prizzi's Honor. (1985) **4.10** Hollyoaks. **(R)**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Access. **10.45** Ice Road Truckers. **11.45** Ice Road Truckers. **12.40** Ice Road Truckers. **1.40** Ice Road Truckers. **2.40** Film: Columbus: A Friend in Deed. (1974) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.35** Film: Columbus: A Deadly State of Mind. (1975) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **6.10** NCIS. A commander who knows the value of a shilling of nuclear fuel rods is abducted, and the team is called in to try to identify the kidnapper. Guest starring Zac Efron. **(R)** **7.00** NCIS. The wives of two marines are murdered, and although Gibbs initially suspects they were victims of domestic violence, subsequent developments suggest the case may involve professional killers who already have their next victim in mind. Drama, starring Mark Harmon and Cote de Pablo. **(R)** **7.55** NCIS. The team suspects a desperate marine may have faked his own death with the help of a friend and blown up an ambulance in a botched attempt to cover all traces of the subterfuge. **8.50** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother. Catching up with the celebrities as they react to Friday night's eviction, revealing how the departure has affected the remaining contestants – and whether the outcome of the public vote has anyone else fearing for their place in the competition. **10.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The family of the owner of a medical marijuana dispensary are held hostage, but the investigation is made harder when a potential witness is killed by a security guard. **10.55** Law & Order. Lupo and Green embark on their first official case together – investigating a kidnapping that involved the murder of a housekeeper and occurred during a city-wide blackout. **11.50** Criminals: Caught on Camera. Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV and technological advances are helping to tackle criminals, exhibiting a complete disregard for the welfare of those while at the wheel of a vehicle. **(R)** **12.15** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. **4.00** Home Doctor. **(R)** **4.25** Make It Big. **(R)** **5.15** Angels of Jarm. **(R)** **5.40** Roar the Racing Car. **(R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth. **8.00** Top Gear. **9.00** Film: Blades of Glory (2007) **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News. **11.00** Family Guy. **2.00** Crim 2.30 South Side Story. **3.00** Life Is Toff. **4.00** Close Shave. **BBC Four** **11.00** The First World War from Above. **8.00** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities. **9.00** Spiral. **10.50** Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe. **11.20** Pop Charts Britannia: 60 Years of the Top. **12.50** Top of the Pops: 1980. **1.40** Play It Loud: The Story of the Marshall Amp. **2.40** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities. **3.40** Close Shave. **ITV2** **11.40** Megan Trainor: The Hot Desk. **11.50** The Cube: Celebrity Special. **12.55** Film: Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco. (1996) **2.40** Film: Honey. (2003) **4.35** Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial. (1982) **6.50** Film: The Mummy Returns. (2001) **9.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip. **10.55** Film: Keith Lemon: The Film. (2012) **11.55** Celebrity Juice: The Special. **1.45** Film: Funniest Moments. **2.45** McBusted: The Funniest Moments. **3.40** ITV2 Nightscreen. **ITV3** **12.00** A Touch of Frost. **2.00** Wycliffe. **3.05** Film: George and Mildred: The Movie. (1980) **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. **7.00** Doc Martin. **8.00** Foyle's War. **10.00** Lewis. **12.05** A Touch of Frost. **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen. **ITV4** **11.40** World Rally Championship Highlights. **12.45** Darts: The Masters. **Live 5.00** Storage Wars. **6.00** Storage Wars. **7.00** UEFA Champions League. **8.00** Hat-Trick Heroes. **7.00** Darts: The Masters. **Live 11.00** Africa Cup of Nations. **12.00** Film: The Quest. (1996) **2.00** Hell on Wheels. **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen. **3.00** TeleShopping. **E4** **11.00** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** New Girl. **12.30** Melissa & Joey. **1.30** How I Met Your Mother. **2.30** Bad Girls. **3.30** Robots. **4.00** Rude (ish). **4.30** Troy. **5.35** The 100. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** Film: Terminal Salvation (2009). **11.15** The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug. **12.20** 2 Broke Girls. **2.55** New Girl. **1.25** How I Met Your Mother. **2.20** Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23. **3.05** Suburgatory. **3.45** Charmed. **4.35** Bad (ish). **Robots 5.00** Rude (ish). **Tube** **11.00** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** New Girl. **12.30** Melissa & Joey. **1.30** How I Met Your Mother. **2.30** Bad Girls. **3.30** Robots. **4.00** Rude (ish). **4.30** Troy. **5.35** The 100. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** Film: Terminal Salvation (2009). **11.15** The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug. **12.20** 2 Broke Girls. **2.55** New Girl. **1.25** How I Met Your 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MONDAY

Angels Fall, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A chef who was the only survivor of a massacre tries to make a fresh start working at a diner in a remote rural town. She witnesses a murder in the wilderness and reports it to the police, but when a body is not found, the locals begin to suspect her traumatic experience has driven her mad. Drama based on Nora Roberts' novel, starring Heather Locklear. (2007)

TUESDAY

Carry On Jack, ITV, 11.10pm

A bumbling midshipman's uniform is stolen by a woman desperate to go to sea, who adopts his identity. Later, the hapless sailor is press-ganged on to the same ship as her. However, while trying to prove who he really is, he has to contend with mutinies, pirates and the Spanish Navy. Comedy, with Bernard Cribbins, Juliet Mills, Kenneth Williams and Charles Hawtrey. (1963)



Things We Lost in the Fire, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, BBC1, 11.45pm

An antiques dealer in a Deep South town kills his gay lover after a lavish Christmas gathering, claiming his actions were in self-defence. A journalist sent to write a feature on the party stays in town to cover the trial, and delves into the secretive local underworld to discover what really happened that night. Fact-based drama directed by Clint Eastwood, starring John Cusack, Kevin Spacey and Jude Law. (1997)

THURSDAY

Seduced by Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman hopes to make a fresh start with a new relationship in defiance of her father's wishes, and turns her back on old friends when they are suspicious of her boyfriend. However, she gradually comes to realise that he has a shady past and is not as perfect as he appears. Thriller, starring Josie Davis. (2010)

FRIDAY

Things We Lost in the Fire, BBC2, 11.05pm

Devoted family man Brian tries to support his heroin-addicted friend Jerry, who has lost everything through his drug habit. When Brian is unexpectedly killed, his devastated widow Audrey invites Jerry to live with her and their children, and helps him to turn his life around. Drama, starring Halle Berry, Benicio Del Toro and David Duchovny. (2007)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Paul's not hanging around in this series

Paul O'Grady's not afraid to admit he's a big old softie – well, we see it in every episode of his *For the Love of Dogs* series, in which he manages to turn even the hardiest of us

wild. An important thing to ensure is that they've understood and learned the calls and behaviours needed to escape predators – so it's time to bring out the rubber snakes, an eagle kite and a toy leopard.

Paul also visits Moholoholo

Rehab Centre again, and discovers what it's like to be a volunteer with daily tasks through the bush,

cleaning the enclosures and looking after the smelliest

animal at the centre – the honey badger. Paul hits it off with five-month-old Julius, whose mum was hit by a car – but the

badger takes quite a shine to the presenter and scents marks him several times.

Paul claims: "I feel like I've been trapped in a lift with 18 people who suffer from the worst BO in the world."

Paul revisits Olive the rhino, who he met in episode one, and chats with an anti-poaching activist, and before leaving Africa, he meets two giraffes and helps a velvet monkey find a new troop.

Plus, Paul meets the honey badger. Paul hits it off with five-month-old Julius, whose mum was hit by a car – but the

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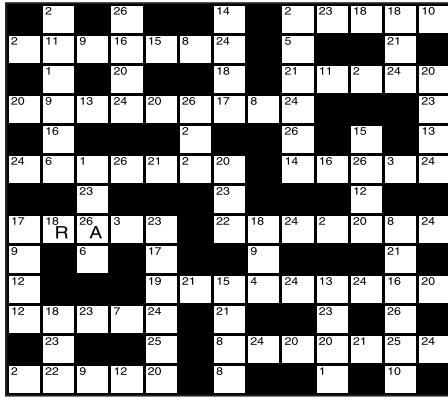
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
P	N	A	O	M	C	U	F	H	D	Y	L	T	R	E	K	G	B	V	W	Q	Z	X	S	I	

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

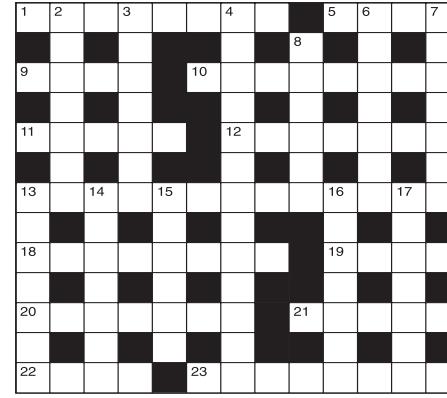
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Their wares are brought into play (3-5)
- One unusually old object of veneration (4)
- This jumper will cause irritation (4)
- Where one puts the film secretly (2,6)
- In the oceans fifty marine creatures (5)
- Supervise a piece of poetry in Old English (7)
- The causes of gradual deflation in the sphere of transport (4,9)
- The skill is to attempt aesthetic achievement (8)
- Being in a true dilemma, was sorry afterwards (4)
- Describing one who is unfortunately spotted (7)
- Stone near a way in (5)
- & 7Dn. Surround the chiefs - those who instigate mischief (4-7)
- Hedge plant used for filling rough mattresses? (8)

Down

- Don't spare the lubricant that comes from here (3-4)
- Takes food down for the bird (7)
- This allows people to cross the water for two games (7-6)
- Furniture for the casualty nurse (7)
- See 22 Across
- As money, it's naturally a gift (6)
- Southern tent-dweller to run around briskly (7)
- A Turk likely to get sat on! (7)
- When it's put in mortar a powdery substance results (6)
- Erected properly - in the Perpendicular Style? (7)
- Choose an artist to be the daughter of Agamemnon (7)



Quick Clues:

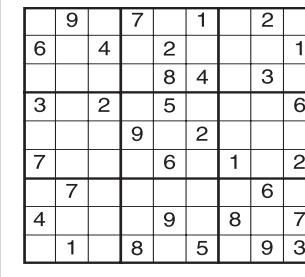
Across

- Throw overboard (8)
- Deletion (7)
- Irksome (7)
- Foolish traditions (3,5,5)
- Offering (7)
- Take in (7)
- Stupidity (13)
- Counter-measure (8)
- Look for (4)
- Generous (7)
- Coach (5)
- Sharpen (4)
- Gather (8)

Down

- Instantaneous; 10 Ejected; 11 Lapse; 12 Staff; 14 Typed; 18 Emen; 19 Digests; 21 Cooling breeze; 22 Pettie; 23 Corset; Down 1 Railed; 2 Missed the post; 3 Toast; 5 Penalty; 6 Stop-press news; 7 Seller; 8 Study; 13 Faceted; 14 Test cup; 16 Adage; 17 Ascant; 20 Garbo. QUIK - Across: 1 Finance; 4 Read; 9 Replenishment; 10 Idiotic; 11 Needs; 12 Miner; 14 Merit; 18 Roast; 19 Outrage; 21 Scintillating; 22 Singer; 23 Plunge; Down: 1 Torpid; 2 Amplification; 3 Chest; 5 Enhance; 6 Premeditation; 7 Detest; 8 Wince; 13 Entitle; 15 Crisis; 16 Moul; 17 League; 20 Trail.

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	3	2	6	9	5	4	1	8
4	5	1	2	3	8	7	9	6
6	9	8	1	4	7	5	2	3
9	7	6	4	8	3	2	5	1
5	8	4	9	2	1	3	6	7
2	1	3	5	7	6	9	8	4
3	2	9	8	6	4	1	7	5
1	6	7	3	5	9	8	4	2
8	4	5	7	1	2	6	3	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
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Quiz

- Which old British construction can be seen in Arizona's Lake Havasu City?
- In which city is the Kelvingrove Art Gallery?
- What type of creature is the frogmouth?
- What was the Giotto space probe built to study?
- Who won a directing Oscar for Cabaret?
- Which country's parliament is the Althing?
- Which Radio 4 presenter died in January 1994?
- What is the day after Halloween called?
- Who was the first boxer to win world titles at five officially-recognised weights?
- Who was JFK's campaign manager in 1960?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Norman Tebbit; 2 Walnut; 3 Diane

Keaton; 4 Brewer's yeast; 5 The Samaritans; 6 UEFA Cup; 7 Fossils; 8 Kendo; 9 Jack

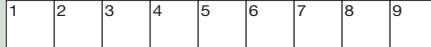
Slipper; 10 Illinois.

Niner: HARLEQUIN

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

25865 gives an animal,
958643 gives a bird,
1536784 gives a fish.



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"Prosthetics have been the butt of every

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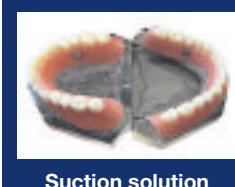
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Rosehill Willenhall



Offers around £82,500

An improved and upgraded two bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal for landlord or first time buyer this lovely property further comprises, lounge, dining room, cellar, refitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with shower and rear garden. Awaiting energy rating.

Tasker Street Walsall



Offers around £132,500

A superb brand new two bedroom end of terrace family home currently still under construction in the brand new 'Tannery Court' development in Walsall town centre. Built by Lion Homes and having the benefit of NHBC guarantee, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property further comprises, lounge, guest W.C, open plan kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.

Hilton Road Wolverhampton



Offers around £109,995

•••REDUCED FROM £130,000 AND SIMPLY MUST BE VIEWED•• A refurbished, improved and upgraded with tens of thousands of pounds spent improving the property this superb three bedroom family home has the benefit of no upward chain, NEW UPVC double glazing, NEW central heating system, NEW floor coverings and decoration. This ideal family home further comprises reception hall, spacious open plan lounge/diner/re-fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted family bathroom with shower and front and rear gardens. Energy rating C.

Station Road Rushall



Offers around £96,950

A well presented and much improved spacious three bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Whilst offering great value for money this lovely property has a good size through living room with featured Cast Iron Spiral staircase and wood burning log fire, fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms, family bathroom with shower and rear garden. Energy rating D. PLEASE NOTE NO OFF ROAD PARKING

St. Pauls Street Walsall



Offers around £25,000

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Ashley Street Bilston



Offers around £75,000

A three bedroom middle terrace (bedroom three off bedroom two) having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating the property is currently tenanted with the tenant paying £475pcm therefore would suit a landlord. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, 3 bedrooms and rear garden. Energy rating D.

Bagnalls Wharf Wednesbury



Offers around £165,000

A superb four bedroom modern end town house having the benefit of a NHBC guarantee, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This lovely well presented family home further comprises, reception hall, guest W.C, open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, second lounge (could be used as bedroom five), 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage. Energy rating B.

Somerset Road County Bridge



Offers around £119,995

A well presented three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Recently refurbished this lovely property further comprises, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking and integral garage. ••CURRENT OWNER IS CURRENTLY BUYING THE FREEHOLD•• Energy rating E.

All Saints Road Bilston



Offers around £75,000

••OPEN TOO OFFERS AND MUST BE SOLD•• A good sized middle terrace property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, family bathroom and rear garden. Energy rating D.

Pommel Close Walsall



Offers around £119,950

A very well presented three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of quiet cul-de-sac location, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This lovely property further comprises reception hall, lounge/diner with feature fireplace, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking and integral garage. ••CURRENT OWNER IS CURRENTLY BUYING THE FREEHOLD•• Energy rating D.

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FIELD ROAD BLOXWICH

- Two bedroom end terraced property
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs low flush W.C
- with wash hand basin
- Bathroom with white suite
- Rear garden with lawn & rear pedestrian access
- UPVC double glazed & Gas oven & hob

£500 PCM

EPC: E




BOOTH STREET BLOXWICH

- Pleasant semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- 18ft Dining kitchen including oven & hob
- UPVC D/glazed conservatory
- UPVC D/ glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- ORP
- Council tax band A

£550 PCM

EPC: D





BENTLEY LANE WALSALL

- Pleasantly appointed mid terraced style property
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom
- UPVC Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garden to the rear
- Dhss considered

£400 PCM

EPC: D

ASTBURY CLOSE BLOXWICH

- Smart modern town house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central & double glazed
- Fitted kitchen including oven & hob
- Bathroom with shower
- Rear garden
- Allocated parking

£525 PCM

EPC: C




HARRISON STREET BLOXWICH

- Beautifully presented traditional mid terraced property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with roll top bath
- Period Features & Double glazed
- Gas central heating

£595 PCM

EPC: D

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TINTERN CRESCENT BLOXWICH

- Semi detached family home situated on corner plot
- Kitchen diner
- Utility area
- Three bedrooms
- First floor family bathroom
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Detached garage & off road Parking

£550 PCM

EPC: D




CROXDENE AVENUE BLOXWICH

- Semi detached property
- Porch
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Newly refitted kitchen
- Newly refitted bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed

£500 PCM

EPC: E




WILLOWHERB CLOSE WALSALL

- Modern style detached family home
- Popular Tamebridge location
- Through lounge diner
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Three/Four bedrooms
- Downstairs shower room
- Gas ch & UPVC Double glazed

£700 PCM

EPC: C




WATER REED GROVE WALSALL

- Superbly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms & occasional fourth bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazed windows
- 'L' shaped Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- En-suite shower room
- Fitted family bathroom

£725 PCM

EPC: B





SQUIRES GROVE NEW INVENTION

- Well presented modern style first floor apartment
- Two bedrooms with built in storage
- Master with en-suite
- Bathroom
- Modern style kitchen
- Storage heating
- Double glazed
- Allocated parking

£545 PCM

EPC: D

FURZEBANK WAY WILLENHALL

- Modern style semi detached in popular location
- Three good size bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazing & gas central heating

£595 PCM

EPC: C

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BLOXWICH INGRAM ROAD

- Extended traditional style semi detached property pleasantly positioned off Field Road, Bloxwich
- Surprisingly spacious living accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Well equipped fitted kitchen
- Utility room/sun room and downstairs w.c
- First floor bathroom with shower



£139,950 OFFERS



BLOXWICH BASLOW ROAD

- Very deceptive extended traditional style four bedroom property situated in this mature and sought after residential area near to Stafford Road, Bloxwich
- Gas centrally heated
- Upvc double glazing
- Conservatory
- Lovely established rear garden
- Internal viewing strongly recommended



£235,000



PLECK, WALSALL SOMERS ROAD

- Well cared for town house style property offering accommodation thought ideal for first time purchasers
- Two generous bedrooms

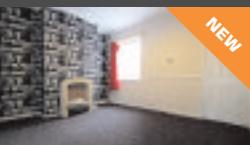


£92,500 OFFERS



WALSALL WELL LANE

- Pleasant terraced style property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating & Upvc double glazed windows
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower fitment
- Garden and garage space at rear
- No upward chain

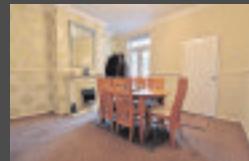


£84,950 OFFERS



LEAMORE BLOXWICH ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed terraced style property conveniently situated approximately halfway between Bloxwich and Walsall town centres
- Three bedrooms
- Two Reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority Upvc double glazing
- Ideal for first time buyers!!



£94,950 OFFERS



WALSALL CHESTNUT ROAD

- EXCELLENT FIRST TIME BUY
- Pleasant two bedroom semi detached property set back behind generous fore garden
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- First floor bathroom
- Lovely established rear garden
- Viewing recommended via agent!!



£89,950 OFFERS



BLOXWICH ODELL ROAD

- Town house style property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms



£99,950 OFFERS



WALSALL NEW FOREST ROAD

- Pleasant modern style semi detached property
- Generous side and rear gardens with potential to extend (subject to planning)
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Fitted dining kitchen
- First floor bathroom



£124,950 OFFERS



PELSALL ALLENS LANE

- Traditional terrace style property pleasantly situated opposite Pelsall common
- Two bedrooms and loft room
- Through lounge and kitchen area



£89,950



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£124,950 OFFERS



£109,950 OFFERS



RUSHALL KING GEORGE PLACE

- End town house style property situated in cul de sac location
- Two bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Gas central heating



- Upvc double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen and utility area
- Upstairs bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear

£89,950 OFFERS



LEAMORE COPE STREET

- End terrace style property conveniently located with good links to Bloxwich and Walsall town centres
- Three bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom with shower



LEAMORE, WALSALL BEATRICE STREET

- Town house style property conveniently located near to green lane, walsall
- Three bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom with shower

£79,995 OFFERS

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GOING TO AUCTION ON 4TH FEB 2015 AT THE MOLINEUX

SHORT HEATH COLTHAM ROAD

- Traditional Semi Detached
- No Chain
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Part Gas CH
- Long Rear Gardens

STARTING BID £75,000



NEW INVENTION BARMOUTH CLOSE

- Modern Style Detached
- Large Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility

REDUCED

£159,995



NEW INVENTION DELAMERE ROAD

- Superb Modern Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Lounge

£149,950



- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage, Gardens, No Chain



WOODLANDS LOMBARDY GARDENS

- Much Improved Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Lounge



- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Gardens

£130,000



WILLENHALL WOLVERHAMPTON RD WEST

- Superb Modern Style Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Hall • Lounge
- Dining Kitchen



- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas CH
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Gardens

£125,000



WILLENHALL VERNON CLOSE

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Large Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms



- Shower Room
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- No Chain
- Gardens

£105,000



BENTLEY LOCKETT CLOSE

- Modern Style Mid Town House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge • Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom



- Separate WC
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Part Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£99,950



KINGFISHER ESTATE WELLAND GROVE

- Modern Style Semi Detached • Corner Plot
- Lounge • Kitchen • Three Bedrooms
- Garage • Driveway
- Gardens • No Chain

£135,000



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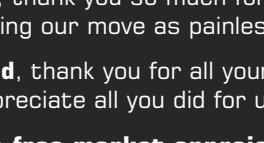
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WILLENHALL GIPSY LANE

- Traditional 2 Bedroom mid terrace with No chain
- Lounge and dining room • Kitchen
- Ground floor shower room
- Double Glazing • Gas central heating

£74,950



WILLENHALL ROSEHILL

- Improved mid terraced property
- No chain
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge • Dining room



NEW INVENTION HILTON ROAD

- Well 3 Bedroom mid terrace
- No chain
- Hall with wc
- Superb refitted dining kitchen



£97,000



SHORT HEATH SOUTHEY CLOSE

- Much Improved Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- No Chain
- Hall



£89,950



WILLENHALL ROSEHILL

- Refitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Pleasant rear garden



£80,000

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COUNTY BRIDGE WORCESTER ROAD

- Deceptively Spacious Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Large Dining Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Driveway • Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS OVER £169,950



WILLENHALL NEWENT CLOSE

- Completely Renovated Semi Detached Bungalow in Popular cul de sac location
- Spacious Lounge
- Impressive Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Shower Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage and Long Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£145,000



COUNTY BRIDGE CORONATION AVENUE

- Super Traditional Bay Fronted Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Extended Re-Fitted Kitchen

£135,000



- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Delightful Landscaped Gardens
- Garage & Driveway



WILLENHALL DILLOWAYS LANE

- Traditional Mid Terrace Bungalow
- Beautifully Presented
- Two Excellent Double Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge



- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Pleasant Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing

£117,500



HADLEY HEATH HAWKSWELL DRIVE

- Modern Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen



- Two Bedrooms • Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Car Port and Long Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens

£114,950



ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- Super Detached Residence



- Open plan lounge, dining room
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Family room • Bathroom
- En-suite shower room • Double glazing
- Gas central heating, driveway
- Garage, gardens

£365,000



ESSINGTON LARCHMERE DRIVE

- Exceptional detached family residence
- Lounge, Dining room • Conservatory
- Five bedrooms
- Double glazing, gas central heating



- Spacious breakfast kitchen & utility
- Bathroom, En-suite shower room
- Beautiful landscaped corner plot gardens
- Garage and driveway

£310,000



ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- Attractive Extended Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Extended Lounge, Conservatory
- Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen



- Utility & WC
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Delightful Rear Gardens

£239,950



BENTLEY CHURCHILL ROAD

- Exceptional modern style detached



- Four good size bedrooms
- 24ft through lounge/dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen, Utility/wc
- Refitted bathroom • En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating system
- Garage, driveway, Rear garden

£209,995



NEW INVENTION HIGHGROVE CLOSE

- Impressive Detached Property
- Popular Cul De Sac Location
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Large Lounge



- Dining Room • Kitchen • Utility
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage • Gardens

£169,950



COPPICE FARM GRAZEWOOD CLOSE

- Extended Modern Detached



- Garage, Driveway
- Further Rear Driveway
- Gardens, Bathroom

£169,995



KINGFISHER ESTATE HONEYBOURNE WAY

- Superb Detached, Through lounge/dining room
- Sitting room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room, Double glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden

OFFERS OVER £150,000



COPPICE FARM BEMBRIDGE CLOSE

- Impressive extended Semi detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious lounge with dining area
- Superb kitchen



- Conservatory
- Shower room
- Double glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Garage • Rear garden

£140,000



BENTLEY TENBURY CLOSE

- Superb Modern Style Semi Detached
- Spacious Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Brand New Bathroom



- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Delightful Landscaped Rear Gardens
- Planning Permission for Two Storey Side Extension

OFFERS OVER £135,000



WILLENHALL YALE ROAD

- Impressive Mid town house
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious lounge, Conservatory
- Dining kitchen
- Bathroom, En-suite
- Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating
- Garage, Driveway
- Gardens, No chain

£135,000



WILLENHALL CADAM CLOSE

- Modern Detached Property
- Rear Gardens
- Lounge • Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen



- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Garage & Driveway

£134,950



WILLENHALL DILLOWAYS LANE

- Extended traditional semi detached
- Through lounge
- Superb family/dining room
- Fitted kitchen



- 3 bedrooms • Refitted bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Driveway • Gardens

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- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite Shower Room
- Off Road Parking and Garage
- Private Rear Garden
- Cul-De-Sac Location

Monthly Rental Of £775

NEW

Water Reed Grove, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Fully Furnished House
- Cloakroom / WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen / Diner
- Family Bathroom & Ensuite Shower Room
- Viewing Essential
- Off Road Parking
- Close to Motorway Links and Town Centre

Monthly Rental Of £725

NEW

Wood Lane, Willenhall

- New Build Three Bed Townhouse
- Entrance Hall
- Downstairs W.C.
- Lounge with Patio Doors
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom with En-suite

Monthly Rental Of £695



NEW

Edinburgh Lane, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Entrance Hall
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry No DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £495.00

NEW

Marlborough Street, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Guest W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £475

Botany Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Terraced House
- Lounge
- Kitchen / Diner
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £475

Erdington Road, Walsall

- Highly Desirable Location
- Versatile Living Accommodation
- Three Reception Rooms
- Five Bedrooms With Two Ensuite
- Private Landscaped Rear Garden
- Garage

Monthly Rental Of £1,200

Signal Grove, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Quadrant
- Lounge with Laminate Flooring
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking Spaces
- DHSS Accepted, Sorry No Pets
- Built in Wardrobes in Master Bedroom
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £475.00

Victoria Avenue, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Large Lounge with Storage
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers
- Communal Grounds
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £450

Gurney Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom End Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Sorry No Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Storage area leading to Rear Garden
- Rear Garden with Shed

Monthly Rental Of £450

West Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £450

Longwood Lane, Walsall

- Five Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms
- L- Shaped Kitchen / Dining Room
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms

Monthly Rental Of £1,200.00

NEW

Harden Close, Walsall

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Private Entrance
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating & D. Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £425

Walker Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom 1st Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Entrance Hallway
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £425

Leyland Croft, Walsall

- One Bedroom Flat
- New Kitchen
- New Bathroom
- Spacious Throughout
- Sorry No Pets
- DHSS Considered

Monthly Rental Of £380

Cherwell Drive, Walsall

- One Bed Flat
- Newly Refurbished
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing

£395 PCM

Monthly Rental Of £1,200.00

Cresswell Crescent, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Duplex Flat
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- Large Lounge
- Double Glazing

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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Large Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Part Furnished

Monthly Rental Of £525

Beeches Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Extended Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Through Kitchen/Diner
- Utility
- Family Bathroom
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £510

Stuart Street, Walsall

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom / Separate WC
- DHSS Accepted
-

Monthly Rental Of £500

Cresswell Crescent, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Duplex Flat
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- Double Glazing
- New Bathroom
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- Bathroom
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- Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
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Bloxwich Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £425

High Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Flat above Retail Premises
- Large Lounge
- Kitchen
- Fitted Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £400

Waterfront Way, Walsall

- One Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Close to all amenities & near canal
- Sorry No DHSS
- No Pets or Smokers
-

Monthly Rental Of £425

Sandwell Street, Walsall

- First Floor
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Close to Town Centre
- DHSS Accepted
-

Monthly Rental Of £380

The Exchange, Walsall

- First Floor One Bedroom Flat
- Above Retail Premises
- Bloxwich High Street Location
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Shower Room
- No Pets
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £375

Trouse Lane, Wednesbury

- One Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- DHSS Accepted
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- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Allocated Rear Parking
-

Monthly Rental Of £350

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- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
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- Garage

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- Bathroom
- En-Suite

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LET

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- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen And Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

£550 PCM

Buttermere Drive Coppice Farm

LET

- Two Bedroom Town House
- Modern Throughout
- Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

£550 PCM

SHEFFIELD Yew Tree Road

LET

- Modern Semi Detached Property
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- New Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Sorry No DHSS

£550 PCM

Brickyard Road ALDRIDGE

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- Communal Hallway

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- Bathroom
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One Bed First Floor Flat. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating. Outside There Is A Garage In Separate Block.

£65,000

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£92,500

FOR SALE



HORTON PLACE, DARLASTON
Three Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, W.C, Separate Ground Floor Bathroom, Separate W.C And First Floor Shower Room. D/G, G/C/H, Front & Rear Gardens. Off Road Parking.

£95,000

FOR SALE



HILTON ROAD, NEW INV
Two Bedroom Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Double Glazing, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Diner, Family Bathroom, G/C/H, D/G, Outside There Is Driveway Parking & A Garage. Enclosed Garden To Rear.

£99,995

REDUCED



WALKERS FOLD, WILLENHALL
Two Bedroom Mid Town House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, D/G G/C/H Outside. There Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces. Gardens To Front & Rear.

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NO UPWARD CHAIN



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Two Bed Mid Town House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner And Modern Shower Room. Outside Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces & Rear Garden.

£107,500

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THE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL
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£110,000

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Two Bed Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner And Shower Room. D/G & G/C/H. Block Paved Driveway. Enclosed Rear Garden To The Rear.

£110,000

FOR SALE



LODGE STREET, WILLENHALL
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Two Bed Semi Detached Bungalow. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen And Family Bathroom. D/G, G/C/H. Off Road Parking & Garage. Rear Garden.

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£130,000

FOR SALE



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£127,500

FOR SALE



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Modern Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, En-Suite To Master Bed & Bathoom, Garage, Garden To The Front With Off Road Parking & An Fully Enclosed Rear Garden.

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AMPLEFORTH DRIVE, W' HALL
Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heated. Off Road Parking. Garden To Rear. STAMP DUTY PAID BY VENDOR!

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COPPIE FARM WAY, W' HALL
Extended Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Shower Room, D/G & G/C/H. Double Glazing And Gas Central Heated. Driveway Parking To The Fore And Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£140,000

FOR SALE



ARNHEM ROAD, WILLENHALL
Well Presented Three Bed Detached Bungalow. Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Shower Room, D/G & G/C/H. Off Road Parking To The Front & Extensive Gardens To The Rear.

£149,950

FOR SALE



THE GREEN, DARLASTON
Four Bed Detached House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Bathrooms. D/G, G/C/H. Off Road Parking To The Rear. Double Garage.

£150,000 Offers Over

FOR SALE



SHEPPWELL GREEN, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Detached Dormer Bungalow. Comprises Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Two Bathrooms. D/G, G/C/H, Double Garage. Garden To Front & Rear.

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Recently Renovated Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Porch, Hall, 28ft Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Laundry/Storage Room And Family Bathroom. D/G, G/C/H. Driveway Parking, Rear Garden.

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FOR SALE



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Extended Five Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch & Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area, Ground Floor W.C, Separate Shower Room. Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Block Paved Driveway.

£155,000

FOR SALE



ABERGORD CL, WILLENHALL
Five Bed Semi Detached Having Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Spacious Kitchen, Dining Room, Family Bathroom, Separate Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Front & Rear Gardens. Cul-De-Sac Location.

£160,000

FOR SALE



HIGHMOOR CL, COPPIE FARM
Three Bed Detached Having Lounge, Separate Dining Room With UPVC Double Glazed French Doors, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom, Separate Shower Room, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Block Paved Driveway.

£169,995

FOR SALE



LICHFIELD ROAD, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Detached Bungalow Having Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway.

£180,000

FOR SALE



BUSH STREET, DARLASTON
Three Bed Cottage Style Detached Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, En-Suite Shower To Master Bed & Family Bathroom. D/G, G/C/H, Garage, Gardens To Front & Rear.

£195,000

FOR SALE



RIVERBANK RD, WILLENHALL
Immaculate Four Bed Semi Comprising Of Entrance Porch & Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, En-Suite Shower To Master Bed & Family Bathroom. D/G, G/C/H, Garage, Gardens To Front & Rear.

£195,000

FOR SALE



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£450 PCM

TO LET

WELLINGTON PL, W' HALL
Well Presented Two Bed Mid Terrace Property Comprising Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. D/Glazing, C/Heating, Double Garage. Comprising Of Private Courtyard, W.C, Storage, Lawn And Garden Shed. Viewing Recommended.

£450 PCM

TO LET

ASHMORE LAKE, W' HALL
Two Bed Semi. Comprises Of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. D/Glazing, C/Heating, Double Garage. Comprising Of Private Courtyard, W.C, Storage, Lawn And Garden Shed. Viewing Recommended.

£455 PCM

TO LET

PILLOWWAYS LANE, W' HALL
Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, W.C, D/G, G/C/H. Outside There Are Gardens To Both The Front And Rear. Driveway Parking Is Also Available.

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TO LET

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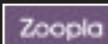
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TO LET

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18 HARDIE AVENUE,
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- ◆ Benefiting from being predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (30)

GUIDE PRICE £65,000



62 HARDIE AVENUE,
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WITH VACANT
POSSESSION

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- ◆ Benefiting from all windows being double glazed
- ◆ In need of general improvement
- ◆ Partial solid fuel central heating system is installed
- ◆ EPC rating F (35)

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17 WHITEBARK CLOSE,
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DRIVE,
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CANNOCK
FREEHOLD
WITH VACANT
POSSESSION

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- ◆ Gas central heating
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- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ EPC rating E (54)

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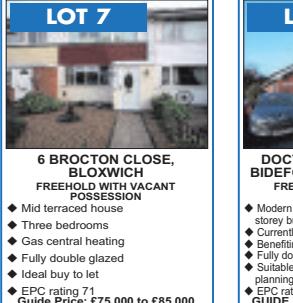
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POSSESSION

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POSSESSION
DOCTORS SURGERY, 24
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POSSESSION

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BRADCOTT,
11 BRADWELL
LANE,
CANNOCK
WOOD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION

- ◆ Attractive double fronted semi detached cottage
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Benefiting from gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating E (46)



BUILDING PLOT ADJ BRADCOTT, 11
BRADWELL LANE, CANNOCK WOOD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
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building plot having planning
permission for the erection of one
3 bedroome detached house
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OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £89,950

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OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: £115,000

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Milestone show at NEC

By Tony Adams

The 2015 motorsport season is off to a flying start as stars, cars and action descended on Birmingham's NEC for a sell-out Autosport International Show.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Autosport is Europe's biggest dedicated motorsport show and attracted motoring fans of all ages and several celebrities including F1 star David Coulthard, World Endurance champion Anthony Davidson, Le Mans winner Alan McNish, World Rallycross champion Petter Solberg and British Touring Car champion Colin Turkington.

Midlands companies reported a suc-

cessful event with current touring car driver Matt Neal of West Bromwich-based Team Dynamics answering questions on the Rimstock Wheels stand, commenting: "Autosport at the NEC provided a great platform for the industry to kick the year off in style, with old and brand new cars and products alongside engineering expertise being showcased that we can truly boast about in the UK."

"We were delighted that high visitor numbers provided quality interest and potential future sales leads for Rimstock as an exhibitor."

Fantastic

Telford-based Cobra Seats was also displaying its products at the show and managing director Mark Dunsford said: "Autosport genuinely was a fantastic show and the best one we've done in the 15-plus years of exhibiting."

"We signed a good number of deals for professional drivers to use our seats in a wide range of disciplines, so we should have no less than 11 cars in the British Touring Cars Championship using Cobra Seats for 2015, including this year's championship winning team, West Surrey Racing with 2014 champion Colin Turkington.

"Then, at the weekend, we engaged with our public customer base old and new and spent valuable time showing them what we have developed at our Telford factory, and helping them with their specific needs for this year's events, ranging from grass roots



'We signed a good number of deals for professional drivers to use our seats'

stage and club rallying through to marine, speed and race events."

Various car clubs had stands with volunteer members on hand to offer advice and information on making the most of prized classic and sports cars.

Pride of place in the Performance Car section went to Radio 2 DJ Chris Evans' La Ferrari, worth a cool £1.6 million, and Lewis Hamilton's F1 title-winning Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 car led the line-up on the F1 grid display.

Other trade stands encouraged visitor participation with several competitions for race driving game simulators and a timed F1-style wheel-change challenge.

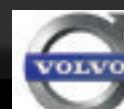
Pictured above: Matt Neal (right) with colleague Justin Pugh on the Rimstock stand.

Pictured left: Tina Reeves, from Cobra Seats, with Aston Villa and Manchester United dug-out seats on the Cobra stand.

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High hopes for new citycar

By David Banner

Suzuki has had a tough time in the past few years, and when pressed its UK importers tend to hold up their hands and put the blame squarely on global exchange rates.

Yes, those same exchange rates that saw Daihatsu pull out of the UK and Subaru discover the relative strength of the yen versus the pound made its cars as expensive as some BMWs and Audis.

We have every sympathy for Suzuki. Subaru were pretty much hosed for a while because all of its manufacturing base was in Japan, so they bore the full brunt of the fiscal fluctuations. Suzuki has boxed a bit cleverer and leveraged its longstanding association with Maruti in India to bring us the Celerio citycar. Can it compete with some very sophisticated rivals in the UK? More to the point, does it actually need to?

The 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine develops a total of 66bhp at 6,000rpm and 89Nm of torque at 3,500rpm, so you're going to need to give the throttle pedal a bit of treatment to get anywhere.

Power goes to the front wheels via a five-speed manual gearbox at first, but we suspect that most UK buyers will want to talk to their dealer about matching the Dualjet engine technology to Suzuki's Auto Gear Shift. This system features an intelligent shift control actuator positioned at the top of the transmission that operates the gearshift and clutch automatically. With

AGS, the driver can enjoy the ease driving of an automatic in city traffic, but without any loss in fuel efficiency or increase in CO2 emissions that would normally be the case with a conventional torque converter-equipped automatic transmission.

There's even a low-speed 'creep' facility which allows the car to move in gear without the accelerator being applied, ideal in slow traffic and when parking.

The Celerio probably isn't going to turn too many heads, being a fairly generic-looking citycar in the modern mould. That's not to say its styling lacks merit, just that it's nothing too adventurous. The most notable flourishes are probably the deeply sculpted flanks, with an arcing swage line that runs just below the door handles. The front grille is unusual, with a three-bar design that kinks upwards at each extremity into the big headlight pods.

Vast

The body measures just 3,600mm from stem to stern and 1,600mm wide, so parking it shouldn't present too much of a difficulty. A height of 1,450mm and a non-slanting roofline affords respectable headroom for occupants. The 2,425mm long wheelbase provides a tandem distance of 743mm, which gives plenty of space in the cabin for five occupants. The boot is vast for a citycar, with a capacity of 254-litres.

The Celerio is tasked with pensioning off both the Splash and the Alto in the Suzuki range, which is quite a weight of responsibility to land on its narrow shoulders. Built in Thailand, it's clearly targeting the value end of the citycar market.

Prices start at around £8,000 for the SZ3



'Suzuki has boxed a bit cleverer and leveraged its longstanding association with Maruti in India'

version, rising to around £9,000 for the plusher SZ4.

Standard specification highlights for the Celerio SZ3 include six airbags (driver, passenger, side and curtain), ESP stability control, air conditioning, alloy wheels, DAB Radio, CD tuner, USB, Bluetooth connectivity and remote central locking. The even higher equipped SZ4 model adds polished alloy wheels, rear electric windows, front fog lamps, body-coloured door mirrors and chrome front grille. The Celerio is offered in six colours, of which five are op-

tional metallic finish and one a standard solid colour.

The Suzuki Celerio is always going to be overshadowed by state-of-the-art city slickers like the Volkswagen Up or the Renault Twingo, but it was never really designed to compete with the more high-end offerings of the sector. But after the Hyundai i10 and the Volkswagen Up, the biggest selling citycar in the UK in 2014 was the Suzuki Alto. The Celerio looks set to do even better than the Alto, with its super-low emissions and clever transmission.

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Subaru's pioneering crossover reincarnates for the fifth time

The new Subaru Outback, the fifth-generation of the brand's pioneering crossover, will go on sale in the UK from April 1 priced from £27,995 (on-the-road).

Introduced in 1995 as the first ever crossover and spawning a whole range of copy cat models ever since, the Outback has continued to successfully combine the virtues of a tourer with those of an SUV, winning over drivers with its practical, all-road nature.

The on the road price range of £27,995 to £32,995 means the all-new Outback stays in the same price bracket as the outgoing version despite having new exterior design, a more spacious and higher quality interior and a range of advanced safety equipment and in-car technology. The new Outback also boasts a very generous standard specification.

New to the latest model, EyeSight is Subaru's advanced collision avoidance technology which acts as a 'second pair of eyes' for drivers, employing stereo colour camera technology to monitor the road and traffic ahead for potential hazards. This is the first time the technology has been made available in the UK and Europe.

The system's two colour cameras are located in front of the rear view mirror to detect the presence of vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and other potential hazards. EyeSight is fitted as standard to every Outback fitted with Subaru's Lineartronic (CVT) transmission, and includes autonomous Pre-collision Braking Control and Pre-collision Throttle Management, Adaptive Cruise Control and Lane Departure & Sway Warning.

While clearly maintaining the distinctive Subaru Outback identity, Subaru's designers strived to make the new model more dynamic while keeping true to its rugged cross-over roots. From the front, the bumper integrated hexagonal grille and hawk-eye headlights maintain consistency with other models in the Subaru family, while the profile is a subtle evolution of the existing Outback.



More significant changes can be found on the inside. The new model's revamped interior uses a range of higher quality materials throughout, resulting in a much more premium cabin, complimented by a new range of factory-fit infotainment and sat nav systems. The interior is also more spacious for passengers.

There are two engines available in the UK – a pair of horizontally-opposed four-cylinder 'Boxer' engines, fitted deep in the engine bay to ensure a low centre of gravity for improved handling, despite the car's raised ground clearance.

Buyers can choose between a 2.0-litre turbo-diesel, producing 150 PS and 350 Nm torque, or a naturally-aspirated 2.5-litre petrol unit, with power and torque outputs of 165 PS and 235 Nm respectively.

Diesel engines will be offered with either a six-speed manual transmission or Subaru's Lineartronic (CVT) transmission; the 2.5-litre petrol engine is sold exclusively with Lineartronic.

There are two trim levels available in the UK – SE and SE Premium – which both offer a generous level of standard equipment.

SE models are equipped as standard with automatic LED headlamps and headlamp washers, cruise control, Active Torque Vectoring, 17-inch alloy wheels, heated front seats, electrically-adjustable driver's seat and privacy glass, as well as a 7.0-inch touchscreen infotainment system, incorporating satellite navigation, audio, smartphone connectivity and a rear view parking camera.

Petrol SE models also feature an emissions-reducing start-stop system and Subaru Intelligent Drive, which allows drivers to select different engine modes depending on road conditions for improved economy and performance.

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With prices like these, you can't ignore the Dacia Logan

By Bob Hickman

The price of the Dacia Logan estate car, starts at a staggeringly low £6,995 on the road, I repeat £6,995, £5 under £7,000 for an estate car, this is one of the reasons Dacia has been one of the explosive success stories in 2014 in car sales.

My particular derivative was the Laureate – this is the top specification vehicle and has a price of £10,795. In this day and age this is a staggeringly low figure and when you consider what you get for the money, it has to be worth a second look.

It is built in Romania and is a joint venture of the mighty Renault and Nissan Empire. The Dacia fulfills for those people paying with their own money all your motoring needs. Yes, we can accept there may one or two rough edges and it may not have the ambience of the more expensive vehicles, but hey who cares when you are paying with your own money. This is important.

Who can decry a vehicle that has smart alloy wheels, body coloured co-ordinated bumpers, and door handles. Chrome appears all over the vehicle, and this vehicle is a full five-seater.

It also has an on-board seven-function computer. All this remember at that headline price at the beginning of the article.

Externally the car looks quite impressive – the front lamps and roof give a purposeful look. The rear boot area has a cover to keep goods secure and away from the mis-creants that shouldn't be looking and all the rear glass has a slight tint to it.

It is difficult to understand in this day and age how other manufacturers can justify some of the exorbitant prices when you look at what you are actually getting with the whole of the Dacia range.

The Logan is not a vehicle that has been overlooked when it comes to safety features. It has anti-lock brakes and emergency brake assist, the rear doors have child protection devices, and should you drive away with a door not quite fastened a visible warning system sounds.

There is a driver's air bag and front and side air bags. In addition the front passenger airbag can be de-activated to ensure junior's seat is fitted correctly.

From a driving perspective to sit in the cabin was not overtly unpleasant, an abundance of grey plastic with a much lighter grey roof lifted the vehicle and gave a feeling of space.

Shoulder, leg and headroom for all occupants were exceptionally good.

Transformation

The dashboard was a disappointment in so far that in daylight it was difficult to read the silver letters on the black background, but what a transformation when it was dark and you switch the lights on. The dashboard now glows a warm orange and the superb graphics are now easily understood.

The seven-function on-board computer, which you normally associate with more expensive cars, telling you how much fuel you have left, what your mpg is, and two various trip meters, give you an indication of the mileage that you have travelled.

The heater controls are simplistic in their central console location as were the controls for the front windows. The rear electric windows switches were hidden away and difficult to find.

The engine is the brilliant 1.5-litre diesel that Renault share with Nissan, this produces 90 bhp, sufficient to give excellent miles to the gallon and adequate performance in most circumstances.

Seriously

During my time with the Dacia I achieved 60 mpg over 500 miles of varied driving conditions on a mixture of all types of roads. With CO2 emissions at 99 and excise duty in Group A, this is a seriously cheap car to run.

There was one huge disappointment however, and that was the gear ratios. Dacia has a five-speed manual gearbox. In the week previous I had driven the brilliant Renault Captur with exactly the same engine and a five-speed gearbox, but someone at Dacia needs to be remonstrated with, because the gear ratios chosen spoil the vehicle. Fifth gear is a complete and utter no-go area unless you are travelling at 50 mph and above, even fourth gear struggled at 30 mph. The engineers have designed the Dacia for maximum mpg but totally overlooked driver comfort and this was a very sad feature.

All Dacia's come with a three-year or 60,000 miles warranty and for the pricing structure they just have to be worth a second glance.



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Gr-eight display as Blox take win

Bloxwich Men 1sts 8 Pershore 1

BLOXWICH were ready for a tough game against a Pershore side that have steadily been climbing the table since the start of the season.

These fears of a tough game were quashed 40 seconds into the game as Jake Perkins went on a blazing run on the left to slot the ball home.

Bloxwich continued to apply the pressure and managed to keep the goals coming. Adam Baldwin scored another two well worked goals and selflessly set up Jake Perkins with two more goals helping him get his first hat-trick of the season.

Coach Steve Mallows scored two excellent short corners and Tom Hyde set up Matt Whitehouse for a sneaky deflected goal before Hyde received a yellow card on his debut.

Bloxwich's focus slipped when they comfortably had the three points which lead to Pershore getting a goal back but Bloxwich were very happy with the result against a top side in the league.

Bloxwich now see every game as a must win in their fight for the top spot in the league and their attention is already on this week's game away at Droitwich.

Jackett in warning over Sako

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has warned Albion their interest in winger Bakary Sako is unwelcome.

But the head coach admitted if the Baggies – or any other Premier League side – met the Molineux board's valuation, discussions with the player would then take place.

Jackett insists there have been no bids yet for the 26-year-old, who is out of contract at the end of the season.

But Albion sources have already confirmed their interest – and Villa and QPR are also thought to be looking.

Sako did his value no harm by scoring a cracking opener in Mali's 1-1 draw against the Ivory Coast on Saturday as Wolves drew 0-0 with Charlton.

Jackett is desperate to keep his seven-goal top scorer to underpin the promotion push and says any bids for his prize asset are unwelcome.

Lockmen find key to winning

WILLENHALL 2 Shifnal 0 WILLENHALL picked up three precious West Midlands Premier points as they saw off fellow strugglers Shifnal Town 2-0.

But the Lockmen missed a string of chances before Mikey Clark broke the deadlock on 70 minutes with his ninth goal of the season.

The Lockmen missed a string of chances before goals on 70 and 87 minutes settled the game. Harry Rickus on three and five minutes forced saves from Luke Kriskins.

With three minutes to go, Matt Dorgan settled the game with a bullet header from a Harry Rickus cross.

Anichebe proves to be Albion talisman

Blues 1 Albion 2

THE Baggies found an unlikely Cup talisman in the shape of Victor Anichebe, whose laid-back style can frustrate supporters, team-mates and managers alike.

However, his power and eye for goal has now played a key part in guiding his side to the last 16.

And Saturday brought a classic Anichebe display – languid at times, downright lethargic at others yet still good enough in the moments that mattered to win a keenly-contested game for his side and move them a step closer to a big day out.

If only Pulis could unlock the rich potential of the big Scouser on a more regular basis and convince him that his body is stronger than he thinks, his current striker search might take on a less desperate look. There were times when Pulis was ap-

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olectic on the touchline with his team's sloppiness, especially in a second half in which their neighbours and hosts bombarded them with the kind of barrage that seemed certain to force a replay.

There was no inferiority complex about Gary Rowett's team despite the one-division gap between the sides and they played their full part in an intriguing encounter.

Yet they found their former goalkeeper Ben Foster in good form after he had replaced another ex-Blue in the injured Boaz Myhill, and their only goal came when Albion committed a rare defensive lapse late in the first half to doubtless ensure a half-time tongue-lashing from the ever-demanding Pulis.

Because even though their performance had its niggling problems, they should have gone into the interval looking comfortable.

The Baggies threatened first when Saido Berahino lashed an early shot into the side netting but the game had struggled to get going when the young striker turned provider for Anichebe's opener on 25 minutes.

Berahino's through-ball found his strike partner in the area and Anichebe beat Blues keeper Darren Randolph, who should have done better, at his near post. And the visitors looked to be cruising when Anichebe doubled their lead 10 minutes later with a virtual carbon copy goal.

This time he collected a Berahino pass in a slightly more central area, outmuscled Paul Robinson and placed a shot inside the far post with the aid of a slight deflection.

It was a miserable 10 minutes for Robin-

son, who was beaten for both goals, but a good spell for Berahino, who proved his is more than simply a poacher.

Albion should have taken their two-goal cushion into the dressing room but Blues had other ideas and breathed new life into the contest in first-half stoppage time.

Former Albion man Lloyd Dyer made the goal with smart first-time cross from the left and Jonathan Grounds converted from close range.

That was the cue for a Blues onslaught after the interval, although early in the second half Albion almost restored their two-goal advantage when Joleon Lescott met a Craig Gardner corner with a firm header but Randolph pulled off an excellent save to his right to push away the effort.

Twice in the closing stages Foster had to tip over long-range efforts.

Anchor take a beating from Hall

Lichfield & Walsall District Football League Premier

Anchor FC 1 Swinfin Hall 4: Longhorne FC 1 Prince of Wales 3

League One
Alma FC 2 Erdington Star 0; Saddlers Arms 4 Longdon Chet 3

League Two
Dog FC 10 Trent Valley Rovers 2
GS Rockets 5 Hussey Arms 1
Q-Bar 3 Burntwood Star 2

League Three
W'hall 3 Crowns 2 Ros Park 1
DFL League Trophy - Group C
Cellar Door 1 Eximus Warriors 8

Jack Donnelly Cup - Round Two
ASP Victoria 2 AFC Bush 4; Scales FC 5 Burntwood Town Res.3

Lichfield Challenge Cup - Round Two
Duke of Wellington 0 Queens Head 3
Pelsall Villa Colts 4 Swan FC 2

Walsall Phoenix 3 Oak Park Rangers 2 (aet)

Lichfield Charity Cup - Quarter Final
Boney Hay 1 Ridware Oak 2

New Inns FC 8 Brereton Town 2

H.Boston Cup - Round One
Bowman Fc 0 AFC Collingwood 1

Town give Darlaston a battering

Kington Town 5 Darlaston 0

WEST Midlands Division Two leaders Darlaston were brought down to earth with a thumping from Kington Town.

An eight-minute spell just before half-time saw the visitors concede three goals to kill off the game.

Daniel Stack struck the first, followed by Aaron Hodge and an Ashley Walker own goal. On 70 minutes Stack netted his second and 10 minutes later Hodge completed the rout.

The opening 35 minutes saw the teams were evenly matched and if anything the visitors looked to have the edge.

Darlaston player/manager Mark Swann changed the formation with Lucas Hough playing sweeper. The move paid off early on, as Kington's lethal strike trio of Stack and the Hodge brothers were kept quiet.

A sweeping move nearly saw Darlaston edge in front.

La Parra is settling in

WOLVES winger Rajiv Van La Parra insists he has adjusted to the Championship and is only going to get better.

The 23-year-old wide-man believes he will only improve after adapting to the English game.

"Coming over here from another country and adapting for a different style of football was going to take time," he said.

"But the more games I've played, the more I've done that and I think it can get better and better."

"If you're in the kind of flow I'm in and the team are in you just want it to carry on."

Bannister helps Khalsa to keep clean sheet

Bilston Town 0 Sporting Khalsa 3

A brilliant brace by Craig Bannister helped Sporting Khalsa strengthen their hold on third place in the league against neighbours Bilston.

It took until the final moments before Bilston mustered their first effort on the Sporting Khalsa goal, with Pemberton denying Isaac Megoe what would have been a harsh consolation.

Bilston succeeded in shutting up shop in the first half, aided by some wasteful Khalsa finishing in front of goal which kept the game without any scores.

Bannister might have got the scoring on six minutes, a quick Lee Wherton free-kick setting the striker free in the penalty area and allowing him to fire a shot just wide from a challenging angle but it wasn't to be and both sides had to look for other opportunities.

Marvin Nisbett had a much easier chance four minutes later, with man of the match Mike Perks winning a vital interception and setting the striker free, only for him to fluff his lines in front of goal and frustratingly miss his one-on-one.

On the half hour both Paul Henley and Nisbett had chances to convert during a scramble caused by Wherton's probing corner. Then three minutes later Henley came close when he hit the post as he pushed forward for a free kick.

Having been unable to break down Bilston in the first half, Khalsa came out even more determined in the second half to take the game away from them.

In the first couple of minutes Nisbett and Bannister both put efforts into the side netting when they might have done better.

Villa heading to next round of FA Cup

Villa 2 Bournemouth 1

CARLES Gil helped fire Villa into the FA Cup fifth round with a stunning goal on his full debut.

The Spanish midfielder's classy first goal for the club put the hosts ahead against the battling Cherries, who had troubled Villa in the first half.

Andi Weimann's second-half strike – his first goal since November – then proved crucial as Villa extended their lead.

Callum Wilson dropped deep into stoppage time but the visitors ran out of time to mount a comeback.

Villa's meeting with the Cherries carried all the appearance of another potential upset on a weekend of many – but once Gil had broken through it was a relatively comfortable win for Lambert's side.

Black belts top off successful year for club



Students of Elite Martial Arts Club proudly display their awards after topping off a successful year

WALSALL Elite Martial Arts ended a prolific year with four new black belts.

Asma Kouser, Aryan Singh, Mitchell Riggan and Jashanpreet Magar have been training for more than four years, training up to three, four times a week.

All four students took their Tae Kwon Do grading last year at the Tae Kwon Do Association of Great Britain (TAGB) academy in Bristol, in front of the TAGB council, 8th degree masters Donnelly, Walton, Dew, Sergiew and 9th degree grand master Oliver.

All four Walsall EMA students impressed the panel and earned to 1st degree black belts. Continuing the success Walsall EMA students attended the Open Tae Kwon Do a British Championships in Worcester.

Amjad Tawfiq entered his first championships kicking his way into the final winning his first silver in the mens yellow welter weight individual sparring division.

Elliott Martin returned to the ring to win bronze in the mens black belt light heavy weight individual sparring division.

Topping off the year 22 students passed their colour belt grading in front of master Donnelly. This year's student of the year is Tim Sheward and Walsall Tiger is Damien Devey.

Arter found MacDonald and he rounded Given, only for the covering Richardson to stop his weak goalbound effort.

Jores Okore mopped up and Villa immediately broke which ended with Weimann firing wide from 25 yards.

It was the hosts' last chance of a subdued first half, with Christian Benteke isolated and forced to feed off scraps.

Bournemouth were brighter as Villa struggled to gain momentum against the vibrant Cherries.

O'Kane was denied by Given before he fired over from the edge of the box as Villa hung on and Okore made a fine tackle five minutes before the break as Yann Kermorgant threatened to break through.

Bournemouth were in control, although were unable to find a breakthrough before

half-time, but Villa conjured a fine chance two minutes after the re-start. Benteke seized on a loose pass and evaded two challenges before Gil collected the ball and fired into the side netting.

However, the Spain Under-21 international did break the deadlock on 51 minutes with a beauty. He collected the ball before cutting inside, easily beating Cook on the right, and curling a wonderful strike into the top corner.

It was Villa's first goal in 223 minutes in all competitions and knocked the stuffing out of Bournemouth.

Villa doubled the lead on 71 minutes when Weimann converted Hutton's low cross from 10 yards.

The Cherries did pull a goal back in injury time when Wilson tapped in.

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Williams rescues Rushall from loss

**Rushall Olympic 1
Marine 1**

RUSHALL Olympic had to come from behind to rescue a point at home to Marine.

Aaron Williams combined with substitute Ramone Stephens to blast in his fourth goal in three games.

Marine's Tom Peers tried to lob Cameron Belford in the first minute but his effort was held by the Rushall keeper.

Josh Craddock and the lively Chris Laird both shot wide as Rushall turned on the pressure but somehow found themselves behind.

A hopeful ball over the top was chased down by Peers who, this time, lifted the ball over Belford and into the goal after 30 minutes.

Midfielder Josh Hawker went extremely close to equalising after the break but his 20-yard drive was inches wide of the post.

Belford made a good save from Lewis Codling before Liam Blake fired the rebound over.

The Pies levelled 10 minutes from time. Stephens and Williams played a one-two on the edge of the area with Williams blasting home from 15 yards into the roof of the net.

Williams almost won it right at the death but his 30-yard drive whistled agonisingly past the angle with Cooper beaten.

Baggies eye

McManaman

ALBION are poised to land Callum McManaman in a £4.75m deal.

The Baggies are waiting for Wigan's reply to a third bid for the 23-year-old winger - who remains Tony Pulis' top transfer target.

Pulis is determined to land McManaman whatever it takes and the Hawthorns boss is ready for a frantic final week of the window as he looks to complete his facelift of his squad with several new signings.

Wolves winger Bakary Sako remains a possible target although Molineux boss Kenny Jackett revealed Alton have yet to make a bid. And Pulis also wants two strikers - if he can find a buyer for Brown Ideye, with a deal in place and waiting to be triggered for veteran Shola Ameobi.

He is also hoping Man Utd midfielder Darren Fletcher will choose Albion.

Pulis brings in tough new training regime

ALBION keeper Ben Foster has lifted the lid on Tony Pulis' tough new regime at Albion and insisted: "Nobody gets away with anything now".

Foster says the new Hawthorns head coach has tightened up on discipline and put in place a "brutal" new training regime to get players fitter.

The Baggies are unbeaten in four games under Pulis after Saturday's 2-1 FA Cup win at Birmingham.

Foster, who worked under Pulis previously at Stoke, said: "He lets nobody have rest days or slack off - nothing like that.

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Everybody is training to their maximum potential every day and everybody is looking a bit fitter and sharper.

"We get a Sunday off, which is a nice family day, but when we're in in the week it's hard work and it's a big step up from what we have been doing in recent years and I really like it.

"That is Tony's way. I knew that before. He's so professional, so thorough and he thinks everything through down to the

minutest detail. If you're somebody who is willing to work hard, be professional and do it the right way then you'll fit in, and if not you haven't got much of a chance with him.

"I would say he is just onto players a bit more.

"Nobody really gets away with anything now."

"Maybe coming in on a Monday when you haven't got a game until Saturday and you're still maybe a bit sore from the game on a Saturday, maybe before you could have had a little rest day and taken it easy.

"You don't get that now. It is brutal but I

love it. I think it's fantastic. If I was a manager I would be like him. It's great.

"You've got to treat football players like kids sometimes. If you give them an inch they will take a mile - it's amazing."

"He has set up a brilliant fines system which has already recouped a good bit of money and people will be looking over their shoulders and not slipping up anymore."

Foster played his part in the derby at the weekend and while he conceded a goal from Blues defender Jonathan Grounds he saved two long-range efforts late in the game from substitute Demarai Gray.

Fabian signs on to Villa

VILLA star Fabian Delph has committed his future to the club after signing a new four-and-a-half-year deal.

The England midfielder was out of contract at the end of the season and had been linked with a move to Liverpool.

But Delph has ended speculation on his future after Villa announced the deal ahead of yesterday's FA Cup clash with Bournemouth.

Delph said: "The club has given me a great platform to perform and a great opportunity to showcase what I can do."

"The fans have been great with me, the chairman has been absolutely fantastic with me and I have a great relationship with the manager. I see the boys here as my brothers, my family and I am delighted to stay here."

"I am a loyal person and committing my future will hopefully show everybody what type of guy I am."

"Hopefully it will give everyone a bit of a lift and show the fans that we are looking to do big things here and bring excitement back to the club."

The 25-year-old has made 116 appearances for Villa since signing from Leeds.

United lose to strong hands

WALSALL United lost 27-7 to a strong Handsworth 1st team. The hosts had an efficient outfit as they ran in four tries. The visitors score was a penalty try converted by Andy Hawkins.

Walsall 3rds lost to Rugeley 2nds, 21-17 with Nick Green scoring two tries and Richard Weaver getting the other. Kevin Pitt converted.

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WALSALL CLING ON FOR THE VICTORY

Leek 20 Walsall 22

WALSALL survived some injury time drama to hang on to their narrow advantage.

They managed to secure a win in their re-arranged Midlands One West fixture but the hosts tested the Walsall defence during the opening quarter.

However, Walsall produced some very effective tackling and, once they gained possession, showed they were also an effective attacking force.

During the first half, they should have taken greater advantage of the scoring opportunities they created.

Roger Weston gave them an early lead with a penalty.

Two minutes later Gary McDermott levelled the scores for the hosts.

It was not long, however, before Walsall's attacking commitment was rewarded by a superb try.

Incisive

A sweeping attack from deep in their own half saw centre Richard Clarke, scrum half Neil Pittaway and prop forward Simon Weaver all make incisive runs.

Some well-timed passing resulted in full back Chris Mould breaking through the final tackle to score. Weston's conversion rebounded off the goalpost.

Walsall should have added further scores during the next 10 minutes.

They lost possession at crucial times, and these errors allowed the hosts to create their own scoring opportunities.



Full back Chris Mould scores Walsall's first try despite the close attention of the Leek defence

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